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LAW PAPERS.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY

In Council January 1, 1746.

Voted that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Captain General by Jacob Wendell, Samuel Watts Joseph Dwight and Andrew Oliver Esq^{rs} with such as the Honble House of Representatives shall join Viz^{t}

May it please your Excellency

In your Speech from the Chair of the 30th of Decem^{r} you have been pleased to give the two houses a particular account of the several Steps taken preparatory to the Expedition which your Excellency had determined against the French Enemy at Crown point, and to lay before them several Letters & papers referred to in your Speech all which have been duly Considered by them, Your Excellency likewise has been pleased to desire the advice of the two houses in the present Emergency They beg leave in answer to Represent to your Excellency that they have always look'd upon the Recovery of Crown point to be of vast Importance to his majestys Interest and altho it would have been impossible for this province under all their former pressures to have gone thro the Charges of such an Expedition, yet when your Excellency proposed the employing in this Service, part of the New raised Forces in his majestys pay, the two houses agreed upon the Charge of Subsisting Fifteen hundred of them, and they have made all provision for that purpose that could be expected, and they depended upon your Excellency to Concert such measures with the other Governments as were proper for executing this design, but as there seems to be some danger of a failure on the part of some of the said Governm^{ts} the two houses think themselves Obliged from a just Care and concern for those Forces who are a part of

the people of this province further to Represent to your Excellency that they cannot think it adviseable for the 1500 men rais'd in & proposd to be subsisted by this Governmt to engage alone in this undertaking but on the other hand they are humbly of opinion that if the New Hampshire Forces be employed to give the Ene[my] a Diversion in another part of their settlements, The Troops from th[is] province with the Connecticutt Troops & a Strong party of Indians [of] the Six Nations would make a greater Force than the Enemy would be able to Repel, especially if such of the Southern Forces as [are] free from the Distempers that have prevailed amongst them sh[ould] join in the undertaking.

Sent down for Concurrence
J. Willard Secry

In the House of Repves Jan 1st 1746.

Read & Concurr'd & Col Stoddard Colo Heath Colo Richards Mr Royal & Mr Otis are Joyned in the affair.

T. Hutchinson Spkr

Copy Examined ℘ J. Willard Secry

VOTE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT.

In the House of Repves Jany 7. 1746.

Whereas the Extremity of the Season renders it very Difficult, if not impracticable to Transport any quantity of provisions from Connecticutt to Albany

Therefore Voted that whatever provisions remain over & above what shall be necessary for three months Subsistence of fifteen hundred men or so many of the forces Subsisted by this Governmt as shall proceed on the Expedition against Crown point be delivered by Mr Moses Emerson the Commissary to the order of the Governmt of Connecticutt for the use of their Forces, they paying such proportion of the Charge as that Government must have been at in the ordinary Transportation of the same from Connecticutt to Albany & returning the like quantity in Specie within six months to be delivered at Boston to the Commissary

General or any Committee that shall be Appointed by this Court for that purpose And further the said Mr Emerson is hereby impowered and directed to receive from the Stores of the Connecticutt Forces such Fresh provisions in Exchange for Salt as shall be judged by the principal Officers of each Governmt to be of Common service to both.

Sent up for Concurrence

T. HUTCHINSON Spkr

In Council Jany 7, 1746.

Read & Concurr'd

J. WILLARD Secry

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY

Copy Examined ℘ J. WILLARD Secry

[Indorsed by Law] Act of Assembly at Boston Janr 7 1746-7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON January 9. 1746

Sir,

This goes by Collo Williams to let your Honour know how much this Government has at heart the Prosecution of the Expedition against Crown Point & what Dependance we have upon being assisted by your Forces; you will find by the inclosed Copies in some of wch is contain'd an acct of our Provisions sent to Albany In my Letter of the 22d of December last (which is herewith inclosed) I have endeavoured to answer all your Objections as mentioned in your last Letter, That of your not having sent your Provisions to Albany River is I think obviated by the Vote of the General Court here to supply you in part, And Collo Williams and Collo Pitkin are of Opinion that there can be no Difficulty in providing the rest, by driving fat Cattle & Swine with the Army, which may be exchanged for our Salt Provisions. It appears to me that the Execution of this Design against Crown Point will entirely depend upon the Resolution of your Government thereon, at least this Government is determined that if no Attempt be made

for it this Winter, & thereupon the Six Nations should go over to the French Interest (the fatal Effects which will probably ensue thereupon being such as are not to be expressed) the Blame of such Neglect shall not lay at our Door. And therefore I must earnestly desire your Honour without Loss of Time to call your Assembly, & to use your Influence to bring them into such a Determination as may promote his Majesty's Service and the Benefit of these Colonies in relation to this important Affair. Our Time will be much streightened if there be any long Delay; Therefore I should judge it necessary, that you should not only forthwith apprize me by Express, of your Determination but send Advice thereof to Governour Clinton wch I have wrote Govr Clinton you will do. It seems to me by what I can learn that the Small Pox is near wholly gone from Hudson's River. Having had a large Conference with Collo Williams & Collo Pitkin, & some of the principal Gentlemen of this Government on this Great Affair, the Resolution of which they will declare to you, I need not trouble your Honour further.

I am Sir your Honour's most
Obedient Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

Honble Govr LAW
[Indorsed] Govv Shirleys Janr 9 1746–7

JOHN READ TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sr BOSTON 13. Janry 1746.

By all the Charters of the English Colonies in North America the British Crown is not Seised of any lands near the River of St Lawrence. Therefore the French have openly taken possession of the South East Side of it from the mouth of the river to Crown point, and have a right to hold it in peace. But as they are troublesom neighbours & daily growing in power; they may finally subdue the English, & Command the whole; unless they are Speedily Confined only to the North west Side; that ye River may be a Natural

boundary between us, & barrier agst them. For the Securing of his Majesties Dominions here I would have that matter as Soon as possible fully represented to his Maj^{sty} And I would have it done by Connecti[cut] first for the honour of my Native Countrey, then because, if they know they depend upon no changeable ministers of State, nextly they will be readily & Chearfully Joined by all new-England, And will finally reap great Profit & advantage by it. By the Stat. 13. George 2d Intitled an Act to Encourage the American Trade, Scooners to enter into his maj^{ties} Service. It is enacted that the King during any war May grant any Charter Commission or Grant to Enable any particuler persons or Societies to Join in any Expedition by Sea or land in America, to take or destroy any ships goods Settlements harbours lands or fortifications of the Enemy, And assure to them the property of what they take & all the profits thereof under such regulations as the King shall think fit: & afterwards confirm it to them

Upon this Stat. I advise that y^{or} honour with the advice of y^{r} Assistants in behalf of Connecticut, with the Concurrence of such other New England Colonies as will Join with you Immediately prefer A Petition to his Majesty to Grant you such Charter Commission or Grant as shall Enable you to take all the forts settlements & lands of ye French on the East & South Sides of St Lawrence's River from the Lake of Onontario to the Main Ocean, not included in any former Letters Patents from the British Crown; to be Shired & Divided between those Colonies in proportion to the men they shall Severally furnish & send upon the Expedition; to be settled & improved by their respective Inhabitants, as those Governments shall severally for their respective shares Order & Grant.

If you send by the first ships to England, you may have returns early enough to do every thing next year, & what will be done before? If you keep a good lookout you may know whether your friends at home have alarm^{d} the French against you or not. And you will have it in your

power to Choose your own opportunity & surprize them at last. Sr I am

Yor hons most humble Servt
JNO READ

To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of Connecticut

[Superscribed] To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] Mr Reads Letter 1746–7 Janre 13

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KING IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COURT AT ST JAMES
THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY 1746
PRESENT
THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report made by the Lords of the Committee of Council, upon Considering an Address of the Governour & Co of the Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, praying to be reimburs'd the Expences they have been at, in Assisting to take the Island of Cape Breton & its Dependencies, By which Report it is propos'd, in Consideration of the good Services perform'd by the said Colony in the Reduction of that Place to his Majesty's Obedience, that a Reasonable Satisfaction should be made them for their Expences therein, and the said Lords of the Committee therefore Submitted to his Majesty, wither it might not be Adviseable to Recommend it to Parliament to make Provision for the same, and in the mean time to Refer the said Demand to such Persons as his Majesty should think proper, in order to Adjust & Liquidate the same, His Majesty taking the said Report into Consideration, is hereby pleas'd with the Advice of his Privy Council to Approve of what is above propos'd and to order that the said Address & Papers Annex'd be Referr'd to the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations & to his Majestys Secretary at War, who are

to meet & Examine into the Demand made by the said Colony upon this Affair and to Adjust & Liquidate the same

W SHARPE

[Indorsed by Law] Prayer to his Majty to refer to ye board of Trade and Secry of Warr the adjusting and liquidating ye Cape Breton Expences

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston Jany. 20. 1746.

Sir,

Having written so largely to your Honour on the Affair of the designed March to Crown Point by the Express I sent you ten days ago, I have nothing now to add, Saving to let you know that I have received a Letter from Govr. Clinton by the last Post, wherein he informs me, "That he has "ordered the large Cannon, Shot & heavy carriages to be "carried to Saratoga whilst the Snow is on the Ground; & "that if anything is to go forward he should be glad to "have timely Notice. That neither the Indians nor their "People should fail of joining when it should be thought "proper." The New York Prints inform us that the Troops in those part are in good Health.

I depend upon your advising me without Loss of time of the Resolution of your General Court, for I purpose to keep our Assembly together till I hear from you. I remain

Your Honors very humble Servt.

W SHIRLEY

The Expedition agt St Francois from New Hampshire is far advanc'd.

Govr Laws

[Indorsed] Letter from Govr Shirley Recd Januy 29th 1746-7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston January 24th: 1746.

Sir,

Having just now receiv'd a Letter from Governour Clinton containing matters of Importance in relation to the

propos'd Attempt against Crown point, and being Inform'd that your Court will not meet till Tuesday next, I thought it necessary to Send to you immediately by Express an Extract of Governour Clintons Letter, and of the Advice of his Council to him upon this Affair; hoping that if there be opportunity of laying these things before your Court, they might have some Influence on their Determinations: If you shall Conclude to Join the whole of your Forces raised for the Expedition against Canada in this Attempt, I must earnestly desire that not a Moments time may be lost, but that you would immediately let me know your resolution, and that you would without delay inform Governour Clinton thereof by Express and desire him to appoint the Time for the Assembling of the Indians, and forthwith send for them in, the Season being already far advanced, I need not be more particular in this Matter, what is wanting will be fully supplied in the inclosed Copy, and am Sir,

Your Honours most obedient
Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

Hono^ble^ Governour LAWS.
[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Jan^r^ 24 1746–7

CONNECTICUT'S ADDRESS TO THE KING.

To his Most Excellent Majesty George the second, King of Great Britain, &c.

The humble Address of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America.

Most Gracious Sovereign: We, your Majesties loyal and most dutiful subjects in your remote Colony of Connecticut, beg leave humbly to assure your Majesty of our strongest attachment to your person, family and government, and to acknowledge the favours this Colony has enjoyed under your Majesties auspicious reign, and to express our utmost abhorrence of that most unnatural rebellion raised in Great Britain in favour of a popish-

pretender, against the best of kings, the best constitution and government; which vile design by Divine Providence being happily suppressed, we beg leave on this occasion humbly to congratulate your Majesty on the happy success of your arms under the excellent conduct of his Royal Highness the Duke, who God has crowned with a glorious victory over those wicked rebels and traitors, to the honour of your Majesty, and confusion and shame of them and their abettors.

As your Majesties whole reign has been an uniform evidence that you have nothing more at heart than the protection and security of your subjects in the enjoyment of their religion, liberty and property, so it appears the more surprising that it should ever enter into the heart of any of your subjects to rebel against your government, with design to dethrone your royal person and to subvert the laws and liberties of your kingdom. Though these sons of violence have been permitted to be a scourge to the British nations, yet, blessed be God, he has not suffered them to prevail in their attempts to introduce popery and slavery, nor to endanger the protestant interest, but has confounded their devices, and by his all-wise providence overruled that wicked design for the more firm establishment of your throne and government.

May that merciful Providence which placed your Majesty on the British throne, and has given you so long and so illustrious a reign, still protect your sacred person, subdue your enemies, make your reign prosperous, and continue the crown in your royal and illustrious family to the latest posterity.

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

New Haven Jan^ry 30th 1746

Sr

According to your Desire I have called our assembly together and Laid before them the Several Matters contained in ye Expresses Received from your Excellency Respecting

ye proposed Expedition to Crown point and Recommended the Matters to their Deliberate Consideration on Which they came into a Resolve* a Copy whereof I have herewith inclosed by which your Excellency will better See the Sense our Assembly have of y^t matter than by any account I could otherwise Give. Your Excellency will See of what importance the assembly Judge the Reduction or Demolishing y^t fort is and therefore thô they cannot See it Advisable at this Season to proceed yet they have made provisison in case any Door shall be opened for y^t purpose I must therefore As I am greatly Desirous that place may be wrested out of ye hands of ye French Earnestly Desire your Excellency to acquaint me of it in case you should have any intelligence Relating to this grand point I am with Great Respects your Excellencys most obedient

Humble Servant

J. L.

Governour SHIRLY

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to G^r Shirly January 30 1746–7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Feby. 7. 1746

Sir,

Your Honour will not think it strange that after so great & unexpected a Disappointment as I rec^d in the Resolutions of your Genl Assembly, concerning the Attempt against Crown Point, I should use any further Importunity with you on that head, when I inform you of the present

*The Assembly resolved that because of the difficulties of a winter campaign, the danger of small pox being brought into the army from the southern colonies where it was reported to exist, the lack of sufficient provisions at Albany for the Connecticut troops and the want of some general agreement or of authority from the king for such an expedition, its success was doubtful and they "could not see it practicable and advisable at this time." The desirability of the reduction of Crown Point was, however, recognized and the governor and committee of war were impowered to act in the matter "in case the troops raised in this Colony for the expedition against Canada by any proper orders be called or ordered forth into his Majesties service against the French, before the sessions of this Assembly in May next."

Colonial Records.

situation & Circumstances of that Affair. Yesterday Mr Lydius came to Town with Advices from the Army on Hudson's River that there were twenty nine Companies of the Southern Colonies, which he judg'd would make out 2400 Men, all in health & good Spirits, & generally well disposed to the Service, & expecting forthwith to march against the Enemy; And he has shew'd me a Letter wch he has recd from Lt Colo Johnson just before he left Albany; wch shews the Proceedings of Govr Clinton since the date of his last Letter to me, a Copy of which I sent your Honour, & the Expectations & good Disposition of the six Nations, & the forwardness of some of the Tribes, & that the rest were sent for by Govr Clinton to attend this Service; a Copy of this Letter I have herewith inclosed. These Advices I communicated to the two Houses, & yesterday Evening recd the inclos'd Message from them, wch pass'd in both Houses almost unanimously: For this we esteem to be so critical a Conjuncture (more especially in respect to the disposition of the six Nations & the Danger of losing them for ever if this Opportunity is neglected) that we are now determin'd to run all hazard in a Matter of this Importance, upon wch the future Prosperity of the Northern Colonies does under God depend more than on any other Scheme or Project whatsoever: And as I am fully satisfied that this Enterprize has a favourable Aspect greatly to promote his Majesty's Service & that it is perfectly agreable to his Majesty's Instructions; In Conforming to which Mr Warren & I, pursuant to the Power therein given, have determined it to be for his Majesty's Service & for promoting the general design of the Reduction of the whole Country of Canada; and that the Troops ought to be so employed at this Juncture & that they should do something to answer the great Expence his Majesty is at in supporting them: And as your Assembly seem in their Resolve you sent me to have left open a Liberty for your Council of War to join your Forces with ours in so extraordinary an Emergency as this, & in wch Providence seems to smile upon us in the long Continuance of the cold and frosty weather I must once more strongly urge your Honour to have the Troops of

your Colony forthwith assembled & employed in this Service; Not that I shall wait for them one Moment, being determined to proceed with or without them as Providence shall order: In the mean time you and the Gentlemen of your Governm^{t} will do well to consider how his Majesty may resent it if this design should miscarry for want of a thousand brave men in his Pay, who are at home following their own private business, whilst the rest of the Troops are acting vigorously against his Enemies. It is design'd that our Forces should build Forts above the Carrying Places & as near Crown Point as may be, that in Case the Enemy should be stronger than we apprehend, our Forces may still maintain their Post till his Majesty's Pleasure be further known. And upon any Emergency that may happen we shall make further demand of your Assistance: I depend upon your Honour's laying this Matter as soon as possible before your Council of War, with whom I have not the Pleasure to be acquainted, nor know where to send to 'em.

I hope your Honour & the Gentlemen of your Council of War will have a due Consideration of this important Matter, & if we unite in our Sentiments, & Proceedings in it, I doubt not but that the same Success will attend it, as has done the joint Proceedings of the two Governm^{ts} which have hitherto been most happily united in the Interest of the common Cause.

I am Sir

Your Honours most Obedient
Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Letter of 7th of ffebr 1746–7 1000 brave men in his Maj^{ties} pay

ELISHA WILLIAMS AND SAMUEL TALCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WEATHERSFLD Feb^{ry} 13th 1746–7

Sir,

We understand by Lt Lyman that your Hon^{r} has called the Commit^{e} of War together, Upon a Late Express received

from his Excellency Govr Shirley, Wherein he Urges That the regiment raised in this Colony for his Majesties Service, may be Ordered to join the Forces in the other Governments, now about to proceed in an Expedition against Crown Point. And having heard, That it has been rumoured in Some Places, That the officers of the regiment were unwilling to Engage in Such an Expedition, which may possibly have reached your Hon^{rs} Ears. We Thought it our Duty to assure your Hon^{r} That We know of no Foundation for Such a report. And that on proper Provision made for us and the Souldiers, to proceed on that Business, We are Free to go. And have had opportunity of Convering with Several of the Captains and other officers, who have all expressed their willingness to go, and Know of no one but is So. And take Leave to Subscribe Your Hon^{rs}

Most Obedient Humble Servants
E: WILLIAMS
SAM^{LL} TALCOTT

The Honourable JONATHAN LAW
[Superscribed] For The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govern^{r} &c At Milford
[Indorsed] Williams & Talcott of ffeb^{r} 13 1746–7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Feby. 14. 1746.

Sir,

Since my last sent to you by Express I have received Dispatches from the Governour of New York, by which to my Surprize I find that, that Government is determined against their Forces proceeding to Crown Point this Winter; upon which I have Countermanded the Orders I had given for our Troops marching to Hudson's River. This I judged proper to acquaint your Honour with, not knowing what Measures your Government may have taken, that so no Inconveniencies may arise for Want of your

Understanding this State of Our Affairs.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most obedient,
Humble servant
W. SHIRLEY

The hon^ble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's ffeb^r 20 1746–7

JONATHAN LAW TO DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

MILFORD ffeb^r 17 1746–7

May it please your Grace

The Remoteness of our Situation and our want of a Trade directly to great Britain leaving us wth out any Intelligence from England excepting only what comes thorow neighbouring Provinces will apologise for our being somewhat later in our Address to his Maj^ty when you shall be persuaded That we are all Protestants and that our Interest (wch never lyes) dos endear us to such a Prince as is by way of Eminency justly stild the Protector and Maintainer of the Liberties and Properties of all his Subjects.

The truth of the first Proposition I can assert wth the Greatest Confidence and that a firm belief of the other is universally fixd on ye minds and hearts of us all, is evident by our chearfull Obedience

would therefore humbly ask your Grace's favour in presenting our Address to his Maj^ty with the highest Assurance of its proceeding from a people whose hearts are filld with Gratitude to the King of Kings who has Orderd and brought about so great a Salvation to his people against all Attempts of earth and hell, and conclude with begging Leave to reckon my self among the number of your Grace's

most obedient humble servants
J L

the right hon^ble HOLLIS New Castle

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to the D of New Castle ffeb^r 17 1746–7

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD ffebr 20 1746–7

Sr

I had the favour of yours of ye 7th Instant and forthwith sent for ye Council of Warr but they were of Opinion that the Clause in the Act of our Assembly did not direct them to advise me to send the Stores unless proper Orders should come for the Souldiers proceeding on the Expedition and thôt it might be well to call an Assembly to give Orders for it in Case the Judges of the Circuit should be of the same mind

but before they came, came Coll1 Roberts with Instructions from Govr Clinton and his Council to delay ye Proceeding till further Orders from his Majty wth wch you are acquainted by this time

I am Sr Your Excellencies
Obedient humble Servant
J L

Govr SHIRLEY

P S I just now recd yours of ye 14th Instant
J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley febr 20 1746-7

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

MILFORD ffebr 1746–7

Sr

I have herewith inclosd to you an Address to his Majty with a Letter to the D of New Castle of wch I send a Triplicate whch you will please to cover or in ye most proper maner hand to his Grace

I also send to you herewith an Order of our Assembly to receive a Reimbursement of our Charges in ye Reduction of Louisburg as well as an Act for your soliciting for ye whole of our Expences therein of wch I have but one Copy*

* See *Colonial Records*, IX, 217, 264.

I also send by a Messenger ye 250ll granted in May last for your Psallery to your Correspondents Msieurs Balston & Palmer Mercths att Boston

I make no Doubt of your making the best Defence in Masons Case if that must come forward, you will have money in your hands if a Reimbursement be granted

a Duplicate of yours of ye 14th of July ℔ Adams is just come to my hands

from your very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

ELIAKIM PALMER Esqr

P S I have heretofore desired you to give my Thanks to Dr Avery and the Comtee for yr good Advice, but not knowing whether it got safe to your hands I repeat it

J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Agent Palmer febr 20 1746–7

HEZEKIAH HUNTINGTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH Feber 28th 1746–7

May it Pleas your Honour

This Waits upon your Honour In favour of my Eldest Son and Capt Peter Harrison & others of our friends and Neighbours, of this and the Neighbouring Governments Who are Prisoners In Quebec in Canada of which we are well assured by the Inclosed Copy: of the Declaration of Jesher Crowel & Capt Truman: Which with other Circumstances makes the fact to me Certain that they are there under Disconsolate Circomstances about what wey shall be found out for their Deliverance from Captivity.

I thought it my Duty: as well as Intrist to acquaint your Honour, with this peace of News; and the Piteyous Circomstancys of those prisoners; and would Humbley propose it to your Honour & Councels Wise Consideration Whether there may Not be some way Devised to Send a flag of Truce by the Way of Crown Point or Some other Way to Canada Early this Spring: Whereby Some at Least of the

Prisoners may be Releaced before the Somer Season Comes on; Which might of Necessity make it very Distressing for Such a Nomber to be Confined in Close Prison in one House as I understand they are.

This Declarant Informed me of many Circomstancys ommitted in S^d^ Declaration too many to troble your Honour with; to mention a few: (viz) that our people Who have been taken from the frontears this War; were there; that those who Were taken from fort massechusets ye Last summer & With them the Reve^d^ m^r^ Norton the minister: that some of the Prisoners had been Confined in Prison fifteen Months before he Lef them: that where they was Carreyd into Chebucto Harbor: they found there a Nother french man of Warr of 50 Guns and Several English prizes taken by him That when he was In Prison he was Informed that ye French Governour Declared that he had Sent Several Letters to the Governour of Boston: to have the Cartela Settled that the Prisoners Might be Releaced; but that he had no Return; Knew Not Whether his Letters had Ever reached him.

I should have Waited on your Honour in this affair but that traviling at this season is very Diffecult & understanding that the Assembly are to Sit at Boston ye 5th of Next Month and that a Great Nomber of the Prisoners are of that Province advice Leads me to Wait on his Excelency Governour Shirley & their Assembly, In hope Something may be Done In this Important Affair by them.

I hope your Honour Will Excuse me in Giving your Honour this Troble Since the Case is What Does So Nearly Effect and Consarn

Your Honours Most Obedient and very
Humble Serv^tt^
HEZ: HUNTINGTON

To the Honourable Governour LAW
[Superscribed] To The Hon^le^ JONATHAN LAW Esqr
Governour of Connecticutt att Milford

SAMUEL WELLES TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston, March 3d 1746.

Sir,

Yrs of the 20th ultº I had the honr of yesterday, with the Packet for Mr Palmer original, Duplicate & Triplicate, The original I have Sent by Capt. Watts & the Duplicate by Capt. Power, Capt. Watts sails this day & Capt Power in a very few days; the triplicate shall go by the first good opportunity, I am with my very huml Services to your Honr & Lady.

Your obedt Huml Servt
SAMUEL WELLES.

The Honble Govr Law.

[Superscribed] To The Honourable Jonathan Law Esqr
In Milford

[Indorsed] Mr Wells's March 9 1746–7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston March 4th 1746

Sir,

Not long since I represented to your Honour the State of Affairs in Nova Scotia, & the great Importance of preserving that Province from falling into the hands of the Enemy, and earnestly requested you to send some of the Kings Troops in your Colony to act in Conjunction with those I sent from hence for that Service; And I am now to inform you of the Disaster, which has befallen the Forces sent from this Province for driving the Enemy out of Nova Scotia, wch, thô I would attribute in part to some Neglect of Duty in the Officers in not keeping a good Watch to prevent a Surprize, yet I must be of Opinion that the principal Cause of this Misfortune is, that the neighbouring Governmts have not afforded us due Assistance against the Enemy in this important Enterprize. The particular Circumstances of this Misfortune you will understand by the inclosed Papers & Print, which contain authentick Accounts that I

shall not take up time in repeating here; Our Business being now to look forward, & do every thing in our Power to strengthen our Forces in Nova Scotia, by making them an Overmatch for the Enemy; And as Mr Mascarene apprehends it necessary to make up the Number twelve or fifteen hundred, I am fully of Opinion with him, that less than twelve hundred will not be sufficient, but that it will be more convenient to make up the Number to fifteen hundred; which, with the arm'd Vessels belonging to the several Colonies in New England, would I hope (by the Blessing of God) make the Conquest easy and expeditious, & discourage the Enemy from any future Attempts: The absolute Necessity of making such a vigorous Attempt for driving the Enemy out of that Province, & the vast Interest wch all the Colonies in New England, as well as the Crown of Great Britain have in this Event must, I think, be obvious to every thinking Man, that has the least Affection and Zeal for the common Cause of his Country; And it is no less evident that the present Season is the very critical Conjuncture for the effectual Execution of this design; which if once lost may never be retreived, & so the Neglect of improving it be attended with such Calamities and Disasters as will not be fully understood 'till they are felt. This being the Case, I must press your Honour in the strongest manner to make up as large a Body of Troops as you can, & send them well appointed with all possible Expedition, with your Colony Vessel of War, for this Service. There are now three hundred Men remaining at Annapolis fit for this Service, allowing for a hundred & fifty Men of the Garrison who can be spared while our Men, who are restrained by Capitulation from acting against the Enemy up the Bay, may keep Garrison in their room: Besides which three hundred men I have three hundred more ready to send, provided the several Governments in New England will do their parts to make up a Body of twelve hundred Men, or if they will make it up fifteen hundred Troops, I shall much more chearfully bear my Part of that Number: I am aware that some may object against this Proceeding, that the Troops may be

called for on the Expedition against Canada, before they can return from Nova Scotia; But as it is not probable that that will be the Case, especially if we be expeditious in this Business, so they will be in as great or greater Readiness to proceed from Annapolis Royal than from their respective Colonies, be better secur'd from Desertions, & be more inured to the Hardships and Discipline of War, and consequently the more fit for Service than they will be if they stay at home. I hope the Expence of Provisions & Transports will be no Obstacle to your sending a Reinforcement to Nova Scotia upon this extraordinary Emergency; If your Assembly should refuse to bear that, which I hope they will not, I am perswaded your Honour may in such Case safely take up Provisions and Transports at the Charge of the Crown upon this particular Occasion, and that your Honour's Bills of Exchange upon the Lords of the Treasury in favour of such Persons as shall advance a Sum in Bills of Credit for this Service, will be duly paid. And as an Inducem^t^ to the Men to go more chearfully upon this Duty, I am determined to advance sixteen Pounds old Tenour to every Man whom I shall send upon it, and to draw Bills of Exchange upon the Lords of Treasury; And as for the Officers who shall proceed in it, I doubt not but they will greatly recommend themselves to his Majesty thereby.

Your Honour will be pleas'd to consider upon this Occasion that your Government is the only one in New England, which has refus'd hitherto to give any Assistance for the Protection of Nova Scotia; and will therefore, I doubt not, think it fit and advisable that it should now be the most ready to join in retreiving a Misfortune, which has happen'd very much for want of it's Assistance before.

You must be sensible, Sir, what immediate Dispatch this Business requires, & that not an hour's time should be lost for effecting it: I purpose to have the Reinforcem^t^ which I shall send from this Province at Annapolis by the End of this Month at farthest (if possible) to be ready there to proceed to Minas or Schiegnecto, as the Case shall require,

before Mr de Ramsey's Vessels can get away from thence; and I must desire the favour of your Answer by the Bearer.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most Obedient
Humble Servant
W. SHIRLEY.

The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's March 4th 1746–7

JEAN PAUL MASCARENE TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Extract from Lieutenant Governour Mascarene's Letter to Mr Shirley, Dated Annapolis Royal February 8th 1746–7.

Major Philipps left Manis on fryday 30th Janry last, and the Same night the Canadians who were at Chignicto and had gathered about 50 Indians with Some of the St John's Island Inhabitants, and other runegates or disaffected Inhabitants after a march of three weeks in the most bitter Season, and almost Impassable ways, arriv'd at Manis, and fell on Our people in the night, the Inclos'd will give your Excy an Accot of the Issue, which in the main tho' unfortunate has been of no dishonour to Our Troops, Since tho' they were Surprized and in that Confusion which such a Surprize naturally causes the Enemy had the greatest advantage, and kill'd most of the men we lost, yet when day came, and our Officers and men had joined, they acted their parts So bravely as to make the Enemy desireous to part with them, and afford them honourable terms. The first Detachment of them arriv'd last night, at the head of our River, the rest are to be there to night.

The too great Security, and the not even Securing their houses well, was the Occasion of their Misfortune as well as what we are & Shall be always lyable to amongst these Inhabitants, their not having Intelligence of the motions of the Enemy 'till they had them upon them. for they all agree that if they had had but a Quarter of an hour's warning they would have been able not only to have Cop'd wth but to have worsted the Enemy their numbers being

rather greater as all acco^{ts} I have had Seem to agree, tho' the Inclos'd from Capt Goldthwait makes the Canadian's exceed our's, but even if So that excess would have been over ballanced by the Courage & resolution our Troops expressed. I had warn'd the Officers to Secure their Quarters and watch against any Surprize, The Block house indeed they Say could not be Sett up, the frost Setting hard So Soon But Some pallisadoe fence or such like might have Stop'd the first Surprize. However S^{r} this is not to be recall'd.

There must be means us'd however to take or destroy five or Six Vessells the Enemy have now up the Bay. Capt Rous promises to fit his Ship as Soon as the Season will permit. Giddings must be sent immediately back, and any other force y^{r} Ex^{cy} thinks fit to add Should go up by Sea, for the Landward will be impracticable for our men, as Soon as the thaw Setts in.

I do not think it an Easy thing to ridd our Selves of all this people, and cannot think it could be in Justice answer'd without further proofs of their delinquency in general, or positive Orders from home, but however on the fair pretence of pursuing our Enemys much might be done to humble them, and punish those who might be found to have favour'd the Enemy. There must be a great force to bring this to pass. Col^{o} Gorham who came away with Major Philipps with Capt Cobb and three or four Subalterns and about 120 men many of them Sick are all exempted from the Capitulation the others may fight here, and help to defend the place, and I could in that case Spare 150 men out of the Garrison, to go up the Bay on such an Expedition there must be at least twelve or fifteen hundred men for Landing.

Extract from Lieuten^{t} Col^{o} Gorhams Letter to Mr Shirley, dated Annapolis Royal February 8th 1746.

It must be allowed by all hands that this Attack and Advantage Gained upon us by our Enemys was most wholly Owing to the certain advices and Intelligences, that was given by the Traiterous disaffected, among the Inhabitants,

towards the English, and by their Keeping all true Intelligence from us which is no Small part in Warr.

True Copies
W SHIRLEY.

[Indorsed] Extracts from Lieut Govr Mascarene's, and Lieut Colo Gorhams Letters.

ACTION OF MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston upon Fryday February 27th 1746.

His Excellency having communicated to this Board Advices he has receiv'd from Nova Scotia, by which it appears that the Enemy has obtain'd considerable Advantage over his Majesty's Troops rais'd in this Province, & sent thither for the defence of that Province; And the Board being of Opinion that the Preservation of that Country is of the utmost Importance as well for the Interest of the Crown as the Safety of his Majesty's Northern Colonies.

Advised that his Excy send to the Governors of this neighbouring Colonies, to inform them of the State of Affairs in Nova Scotia, & in the most pressing manner to desire that they would without delay prepare a Number of Troops, & transport them to Nova Scotia, & send their respective arm'd vessels thither to join with the King's Troops raised in this Province & such vessels as may be sent from hence, that so there may be a sufficient force for the driving the Enemy out of that Country.

Copy examined ℘ J Willard Secry

SAMUEL WELLES TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston, Mar, 4th 1746/7.

Sir,

I wrote yesterday by this Conveyance what I had done with your letter & duplicate, but when I delivered it, I told your Express that Governr Shirley had Just told me, as he

had finisht his London Letters, he should now imediately answer those from Connecticot & that they would be done last night, I therefore advised your messenger to tarry, which he has accordingly done & Just now rec^d his dispatches from Govr Shirley; it can't be tho't strange that our Govr is forced to delay persons sometimes, he has such a variety of affairs & of mighty importance lying upon him, that it is rather strange he can go through them at all, I am as yesterday & always

Your most obed^t hum^l Servt

SAMUEL WELLES.

Govr LAW.

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr In Milford.

[Indorsed] Mr Wells's March 9th 1746/7

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

LONDON 11 March 1746/7

The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

Hon^d S^r

Not having been favour'd with any from your Honour since the foregoing Copy of my last, *I have now only to Acquaint you that upon a Report made by the Lords of the Committee of Council after taking into Consideration the Address of the Colony of Connecticut praying for a Reimbursem^t of the Expences they were at in taking Cape Breton, His Majesty has thought fit to refer the Papers & Acco^ts relating thereto to the Lords of Trade & Secretary at War, who are to Examine & Liquidate the same as Appears by a Copy of an order from his Majesty in Council for that Purpose here Inclos'd. I shall not be wanting in my Endeavours to get the Acco^ts pass'd as soon as Possible, & shall Advise you from time to time of my Proceedings

*Dated 30 Oct. 1746, as is shown by another copy in which the two are found on one sheet.

therein. I must again repeat what I formerly Mention'd to your Honour Viz^{t} that it may be Necessary to send me a Particular Power to Receive the money in Case it is paid this Session of Parliam^{t} at least would recommend it as prudent to Guard against any such Objection I am

Y^{r} Hon^{rs} & the Colony's
most Faithf^{l} hum^{le} Servt
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

P S There has yet been no hearing on the Mohegan Affair

[Superscribed] To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govern^{r} of the Colony of Connecticut New England

[Indorsed] Agents Letter March 11th 1746-7 ab^{t} Cape Breton Expences

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 13 March 1746/7

The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

S^{r}

I have already wrote you by this Conveyance & I have but just time to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Honours Letter of the 26 Novr Accompan^{g} a Letter to his Grace the Duke of New Castle in Relation to the Regiment rais'd for an Expedition to Canada which I have Deliver'd, & am orderd to Attend another Day for an Answer thereto. I am Apprehensive from a Conversation I have lately had with one of the Lords of Trade, they will Require an Authentick Copy of the Muster Rolls of the Forces employ'd in ye Expedition against Cape Breton, with the best Proof that can be had of their Service, which would recommend to have Attested by Sr Wm Pepperell, or some good Autority, & believe it will also be Necessary to Compleat the Acc^{t} to the 1st of June, the time your Estimate Extends to, which is all I can add at Present but that I am

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} & the Colony's
most Faithf^{l} hum^{e} Servt
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

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[Superscribed] To The Hon^le JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govern^r of the Colony of Connecticut in New England
[Indorsed] Agents March 13 1746-7 ab^t Canada Expedition

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD March 21st 1746/7

S^r

Yours of ye 4th Instant I rec^d on ye 9th and observe that either Your Excellencies Memory or mine is very treacherous when you say you earnestly requested my sending some of the Kings Troops in this Colony to act in Conjunction with yours in nova Scotia but I remember you signifyd to me That the Gov^ts had nothing to do with the Kings forces save only to provide for them, and you undertook to direct all the forces here on an Expedition against Crown point, and those of Rhoad island, New Hampshire and some of your own to Annapolis, so that we have not comitted any fault in this matter which needs to be expiated as Princes were wont to do theirs by going into the holy land. however I condole with you for your Misfortunes, and hope we shall all remember, there is no trust to be putt in them, who say no faith is to be kept with Hereticks

I advised with my Council on your Motion who for sundry Reasons they gave me shewed their Indisposition to the calling an Assembly for that purpose and as for my procuring money and drawing on ye L^ds of the Treasury I dare not presume upon it think it more safe for your Excellency who may have also power to comand the men specially since I am informed that Mr Prince has wrote to his brother here That the Parliament have disallowd a Reimbursement to us

I would inform your Excellency That here has been taken some Counterfeit Plates among which are a 40^s or 8^l and a 9^d or 3^s Plate of your money and 'tis thôt great Use have been made of them. one man now in Irons (who has since delivered up the Plates) is secured in New haven Goal

As it was Conjectured at New York, so it was supposd here That your Excellencies Paquett containd the Officers Com^ns^ but your not sending them makes me conclude it was a Mistake.

I take Leave to subscribe
Your humble obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

His Excellency Govr SHIRLEY

P S: The Reason of my delaying my Answer to yours was an Expectation of ye Comissions &c being in your Paquett J L

[Indorsed] Copy of Let[ ] Govr Shirley March 21st 1746/7

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON April 25th 1747.

Sir,

I herewith inclose the Copy of a Letter from One of our Officers upon Connecticutt River, who has the Command of a Fort at the Place called Number Four, the highest Settlement upon that River. Your Honour willl understand by this Account as well as by others which from Time to Time you may have lately had, how much our Western Frontiers are continually harrassed by the Enemy. Our Inhabitants in those parts as well as in the Eastern Frontiers are continually removing from the Settlements. In this State of our Affairs we are making all the preparations we can for our Defence & for driving off the Enemy, who are very Numerous & in every part of our Frontier.

Therefore at the Instance & Request of our General Assembly, I must earnestly desire your Honour immediately to send Five hundred Men into the County of Hampshire to be employed there against the Enemy, & to be under the Direction of Col^o^ John Stoddard. I must request you to give this Affair all the Dispatch that is possible

I am Sir,
Your most Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

Govr LAW

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's rec^d^ May 1st at night

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 4th May 1747

Sir

I have but just time to tell you that since I sent away ye express I have received another acct from Albany that the Mutiny increases. I am Sir

Your very humble sert
G CLINTON

[Superscribed] On his Majesty's Service To The Honourble Jonathan Laws Esqr Governour of Connecticut

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons May 4th and Copy 7th

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

Milford May 7th 1747

Sr

I recd you of the 4th Instant am sorry to have such an Acct and dread the Consequenses of it but I can do no more than Lay it before the asembly wch are to mete the nex week Where a more absolute Authority will not answer what can a lesser do? the greater the Priviledges of the people, the lesser is the Prerogative.

I hope your Wisedome will direct to such Measures as may prevent the fatal Effects of a french Intreague to expose our fortresses and Stores if any such should be or by what Meanes soever this Difficulty has taken its Rise

I remain Sr Your
very humble and obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

Govr Clinton

JOHN STODDARD TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Extract of a Letter from John Stoddard Esqr to Governour Shirley, dated the 13h of May 1747. from Northampton.——

"I Send you the Letters I lately recd from Albany by which your Excellency will perceive that the Six Nations are thoroughly Engaged, & that most of them together with some others of their Allies are likely to Join in our Service; I think with your Excellency and the Council that the Encouraging these Indians is a thing of great Importance.

The Several Governments have been Endeavouring for near three years past to perswade these Tribes into a War wherein they had not any Concern but to Serve their Friends, and they seem generally got into it and have left their Hunting and other means of living, & Expos'd themselves and families for our Sakes, and can we Expect they should fight for us, and devote themselves to that Service, and we Suffer them to Starve, or can we Expect that they go a Warfare for us at their own Charge, or can we Expect that Colo Johnson & Mr Lydius should pay the Reckoning. they have taken a great deal of Pains to get the Indians into the War, & have Effected more than the Governments could in a Course of years, and can it be thought that they should Spend all their Substance in rewarding the Indians for their service. it will cost them about 6 or 700 pounds to fit out 100 men for War in York Money as may be seen by Lydius Letter of March 26th and how many hundred will soon be out, and how many times they will go out this Summer, others can guess as well as I.

To let the design drop now we have a hopeful Prospect of distressing our Enemy would be fatal, for the Indians may well say as they often suspected beforehand, that our design was to get them into the War, & then leave them in the Lurch. and then we should fail of their Assistance, and no wonder if they should Reconcile themselves to the French, which they would be glad of, and then take part with the French against us, for the Indians are of Such a Humour, that if we deal Justly and kindly by them, they will put their Lives in our hands, but if we deal deceitfully with them, that will soon raise an Abhorence of us. Colo Johnson and Mr Lydius are now under a necessity of going forward and fitting out the Indians, so long as they have any

Substance remaining and when that is gone the Affair will be at an End.

Therefore I see no way but for the several Governments to send Supplys of Money or Goods to Enable those Gentlemen to carry on the War. I think it altogether just that the several Governments do Contribute toward the Charge, and doubt not but Several of them would chearfully agree to it, upon a proper Application being made to them, and tis probable that the Money so Expended would do us twenty times as much Service, as what we have heretofore Expended in the War. were it in my Power I would send a Thousand Pounds in our new Bills or in suitable Goods to those Gentlemen for their present Necessity, this would revive their drooping Spirits (whilst they are full of Expectations of being undone) and would greatly animate the Indians. Such Causes ought not to be Starved, for want of a little Oyl to keep the Wheels in Motion.

[Indorsed by Law] Extract of Coll^l Stoddards Letter 13th of May 1747 ab^t Indians

GIDEON WANTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEWPORT ye 14th May 1747

S^r

I am to Informe you that our Gen^ll Asembley has ordered our Collony Sloope to be put in Commision and maned as Soone as Posible in order to Cruize in Consortship with yours this Sumer and have Given Orders this Day to Cap^tt fones to Inlist his men as fast as [ ]ble for the Servis

I Shall Remaine your
Honners Asured Frind
GID: WANTON.

P. S I shall aquait Cap^tt Burnham when we are Ready

The Hon^le JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Wantons May 14th 1747

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH HAMPTON May 14 – 1747

Sr,

You are knowing to the Endeavours of Several Goverments to bring the six Nations into the War with the Canadeans, which seems to be pretty well Effected, I perceive there has Eleven Parties gone out to War this Spring, and I heard of the Return of one only, who killed six french men and one Indian. near Crown Point, thirteen of them attacked 27 french, and 3 Indians, our Maquas had two men Wounded, one of them (I hear) is since dead. that Party are gone out again. som of the Parties are small, some large; Hendrick is gone with upwards of 60 men and one Isaac with 46. there are some white men in Several of the Parties, they Consisted Chiefly of Maquas, till of late there has some Onidoes, Kieugas, Annondagas, and some Tuskaroras, gone out, the six Nations seem generally Spirited to go and are making preparation, as are some other Tribes that I am not acquainted with.

This Government has Ordered me to Pay a Bounty for Every Scalp and Prisoner that should be brought in by any Parties that should go out by my direction, and likewise five Pounds to each man to Equip them that should take their departure frô hence. and I have been Endeavouring to draw some Parties hither, but it has hitherto been fruitles, those People seem to be in good earnest, and are unwilling to loose so much time as it would take them to come hither, and when here they are further from their business than when at Home, Co^ll Johnson, and Maj^r Lidius have been Chiefly Active in bringing the Indians to Action, and have been at great Charges in Belts, in treating, and Equipping those that go out, and in making some Provision for their families whilst absent. I am Satisfied that the fitting out every Hundred men Costs them 6 or 700^ll York Money, and its looks probable that many Hundreds will go out this Summer, and that many of the Parties will go out divers times in one Summer.

I can't Imagine that when the Governments endeavoured to Engage these Indians in a War wherein they really had no Concern, that they should leave their Hunting (as they have done) and their other means for a livelyhood, and Hazard their lives, and families to free us from our Distresses, in Expectation of freeing themselves from the Charge of the War, and laying that Burthen on the Indians, who seem to devote themselves to the War, which will render them uncapable of providing for themselves and families, neither can we expect that Col^{ll} Johnson and Mr Lydius should be at the Charge of the War, I know not what Assurance those Gent^{mn} have that they shall be Reimbursed what they have, or shall advance for the Publick Service, & it cannot be Imagined that their Estates will hold much longer to Defray such a constant and great Expence as they are at, so that we must expect that in a Short time the fair Prospect we now have of Distressing our Enemies will utterly fail unless the Governments do assist these Gent^{mn} by speedily Supplying them with Goods or Money, and those Indians will be Obliged (to our Shame, and ruin) to make the best terms for themselves, with the french, if we don't Enable them to Continue the War. There has lately one French man and 7 Cagnawagas been at Onnontaugee, under pretence of Condoleing the Death of some of that Nation, but Chiefly to Enquire who it was that Bruised their Brethrens Head (as they termed it) with ye Ax last fall, and to make up that break, and they laid down a Belt 6 Inches wide and Seven feet long. the Sachems, and Chief Capt^{ns} of War told them, that they could not be Ignorant that the six Nations had (last Summer) taken the Gov^{nrs} Ax, and that what they had done last fall was but a Whet to the Ax. upon this the french man Hung his head, said nothing, and Marched off.

I have written Pressingly to Boston that there may be at least a thousand Pounds of our New Currency remitted to these Gent^{mn} with all Speed, and untill the Governments shall agree on some Method how to defray that Charge, and I presume that will be worth twenty times so much

Expended in the Methods heretofore taken, I hope your Assembly will by no means Starve a good Cause but will generously Contribute to the Promoting a design from which we have the best Prospect.

I am Sr with greatest Regard your very
Humble Servant.
JOHN STODDARD.

the Honble Roger Woolcott Esqr

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston May 15th 1747

Sir,

This goes to inform your Honour, that by Dispatches I have received from Albany & Northampton, I find that the Indians of the Six Nations are generally spirited to go to War against the French of Canada, that divers Parties are now out & others daily offering themselves, which is a Point the Governments of New England (especially those of the Massachusetts & Connecticutt) have been labouring to carry ever since the first of the War, and if this Spirit be duly cherished & properly managed & directed, it may, by the Blessing of God, prove of unspeakable Benefit for the Safety of these Colonies. I refer your Honour to Colo Stoddard for a more particular Account of this Affair, only I would observe, that Colo Johnson & Mr Lidius, whose Influence on the Indians has brought about this great Event, are under such Engagements as they are not able to fulfil without proper Supplies from these Governments, & if for want of that the Indians should suffer any Disappointment, it is more than probable that they will be disgusted at their being left in the Lurch by us, & will fall entirely into the Interests of the French, which will be more fatal to these Colonies, than any that has yet befallen us. Now as there is no General Court in being in this Province, we can do Nothing at present for the furnishing these Gentlemen, thô Our General Court have intrusted Mr Lidius with this Affair, & have undertaken to supply him with a Consider-

able Sum for this Service, & he has made his Draught for the Payment, which will be done, but the Parties of Indians came so fast upon him & Mr Johnson to be fitted out for this Service, that what they will receive at present from this Governmt will be a very inconsiderable part of what they are under Engagements for, & the Gentlemen seem to apprehend that there is great Danger of their being ruined & the common Cause suffer the greatest Damage that we can conceive of, unless they be releived from these Governmts. And as your Government have all along distinguished themselves in the Service against the Enemy, & have actually joined with us in several of our late Treaties with the Six Nations; I can have no Doubt but your General Court will, in this critical Conjuncture, readily make such Supplies for the Encouragement of the Indians of the six Nations for prosecuting this War, & for keeping these Gentlemen in heart till an Agreemt may be made between the Governments to apportion the Charge that has arisen or may arise in this important Affair among themselves. And I shall lay this Matter before our General Court at their first Meeting, & doubt not but that they will chearfully fall into all the Measures necessary for promoting this important Interest, & think it adviseable that your Governmt should send to all the other neighbouring Government to join in this Business, which I shall do likewise. You will please to lay these Matters before your Assembly as soon as possible & let Colo Stoddard know their Resolutions on this Affair.

I am Sir Your Honour's most
Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

Inclosed I send you an Extract from Colonel Stoddard's Letter to me

The honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

HARTFORD May 20th 1747

Sr

Yours of the 2nd Instant, In compliance with what I wrote you, was laid before our Assembly, the last Week but there hath been no Resolve made upon it. The Gentn think it not safe to make any Order concerning the Levies of this Colony Intended for the Expedition against Canada; not knowing how soon we may have Orders from his Majesty concerning them; and the raising of Others for that particular Service, seems very difficult, Especially Considering the Dependence had upon us In the Massachusetts, to help on any Emergency In the County of Hampshire.

I am likewise to Inform your Excellency, that by an Express from Govr Shirley, a Motion is made to Our General Court, for Making Some Supplies for the Encouragemt of the Indians of the Six Nations for prosecuting this Warr; Representing the Indians of the Six Nations generally Spirited to go to Warr against the French of Canada, & that diverse parties are now Out, and Others daily Offering themselves, and that Colo Johnson & Mr Lidius have been very Serviceable In bringing about this Event, and that the Province of the Massachusetts have Intrusted Mr Lidius in the Affair, & have Undertaken to Supply him with a Considerable Sum̄, to Encourage & fitt out the Indians for this Service; but the Parties of Indians Came so fast upon him & Colo Johnson, to be fitted out, that What they will receive at present from that Government will be but a very Inconsēderable part of What they are under Engagemts for; and that Some Speedy Supply is Necessary, and therefore Moved for to this Government, that these Gentlen may be Enabled to fulfill their Engagemts to the Indians, and so the Com̄on Cause Secured. Upon Which Representation Our Assembly have Desired Me to Write to Your Excellency, to know more fully the State of the Affair respecting the Spirit & Disposition of the 6 Nations, and what may be*

*These two words underscored and "is" written above them

thot Necessary by y^r Governm^t to be Done to Encourage their prosecuting this War with Vigour; It Seems a Matter of Great Consequence & may prove of Great Benefit for the Safety of these Colonies; and more Especially of Your Governm^t; and We Should gladly Hear, & Chearfully assist & do something Agreeable to our Circumstances & Scituation to Encourage them to undertake & prosecute the War, and As You are best Acquainted with what may be the best Expedients to be used In the Affair of forwarding them In it; Should therefore take it as a favour to know from you the State of the Affair with Your Sentiments thereon and how agreeable 'tis with You & y^r Governm^t to have those Gentle^n Improved; and that an Answer may be returned by this Express

I am Sir &c

In the upper House

The aforegoing Draught for a Letter to be sent Express to the Govr of New York read and approved

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secty

Concurred with in ye Lower House

Test JN^O FOWLER Clerk

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Govr Clinton May 21st 1747

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

S^r

It gives me the greatest pleasure that you & the Neighbouring Colonies are now sensible of the good effects of my Treaty with the six United & other Indian Nations last Summer & of the constant endeavours I have since that used to make the best use of the good disposition they were at that time brought into. This has been attended with a very grate expence to the Crown, not only at that Treaty but likewise Since in fitting out the Several Partys wch have been sent out & in rewarding them on several occasions for their loss of Hunting & for particular Services, as well as

for the Pay of the Officers wch I have since that time continually employed among them, this charge has since I left Albany amounted to at least five Thousand pounds this Currency. It must therefore be very agreable to His Majesty that your Colony give a suitable assistance in this Service wch contributes so much to the safety of all the Brittish Colonies in North America & no doubt His Majesty expects it of you; You may send such persons as you shall think proper to see any money or goods distributed by Colo Johnson who has my Commission to manage the Affairs of the Indians so far as relates to the War, & in what manner that money shall be destined by you to encourage the Indians in Prosecution of the War You seem sensible of that Gentlemans services in this most fatigueing as well as dangerous employment & wch requires great courage as well as fidelity & address & therefore I hope among other things you will consider his services & place that confidence in him wch he deserves.

But after all our Indeavours for encourageing the Indians in this manner I am apprehensive that unless we join with them at least in some notable enterprise against the Enemy their Spirit & Zeal will flag & they may intertain a Jealousy that we design to make them the Cats paw & it will be much easier to guard against this Jealousy than to remove it after it has risen. However as in my Opinion no particular Scheme can be entered into till His Majestys pleasure to known with respect to the use he intends to put the Forces which were levied for the Expedition against Canada.

I shall keep the Assembly of this Province by short adjournments in readiness to meet on any Emergency, & in the mean time you may have your thoughts to make proposals according to what ever Orders may come from His Majesty & you may be assured that I will heartily concur in every thing that tends to His Majestys Service.

I am in great hast

Sir Your very humble Servant

G CLINTON

Honble Gover^r LAWES

[Superscribed] On his Majesty's Service To The Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr Governour of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Letter May 1747

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

LONDON 28 May 1747

The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

S^r I have the Honour of Acquainting you that Since the foregoing Copy of my last the Lords Commiss^rs of Trade & Secretary at War have in Pursuance of an order from his Majesty in Councill Examind the Acco^ts of the Colonys Disbursem^ts in the Expedition against Cape Breton & have reported thereupon that for want of Sufficient Vouchers, they have not been able to Liquidate the same, which report being by no Means Satisfactory to his Majesty, he has thought proper to refer the said Acco^ts to the Lords of^e Treasury, who we hope will think the Sanction of the Legislature of Connecticut an Authentick proof of the Equitableness of our Demand & that we shall be able to get it included in the Estimate of the Expences of the Gov^t for the next Year & have no reason to Expect any thing better will be done for us after a years unwearied Application. However these Expectations need not prevent the Colonys transmitting any Vouchers they can without to much Difficulty & Expence be able to procure, altho I hope there is reason to believe there may be no Occasion for them

I have not been wanting in my Pressing Application to the Ministry in behalf of the Forces rais'd by the Colony for the Expedition against Canada & am sorry to Acquaint your Honour there is as little hopes of their being paid any money from hence this Year, & as I understand those troops are, or are to be Discharg'd, all that can be done at Present is to have Strongly Attested Acco^ts particularly specifying

the time of their Service setled to the time of their Discharge under the Sanction of the Gener[l] Court setting forth their being rais'd by their order in pursuance of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle signifying his Majestys Pleasure that they should be put upon his pay & those Acco[ts] sent over in order to an Application for the Money next Sessions the Demands on the Governm[t] this Year prior to ours being already Greater than the Supplys voted by Parliam[t] are Sufficient to Discharge

I am Yo[r] Honours & the Colonys
Faithfull Hum[l] Serv[t]
ELIAK[M] PALMER

[Superscribed] To the Hon[ble] JONATHAN LAW Esq[r] Governour of the Colony of Connecticut New England

[Indorsed] Agent Palmers Letter rec[d] Aug[st] 16 1747

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Extracts of a Letter from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle to Governour Shirley. Dat Whitehall May 30th 1747.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to direct me to Signify to You His Pleasure that you shou'd Immediately appoint a Meeting with Commodore Knowles at such place as shall be agreed upon and Consider with him the present State of Nova Scotia and Louisbourg, and take the proper Measures for the defence of those Places.

It is His Majestys Pleasure You should endeavour to Compleat, from out of the Americans which are now rais'd for His Majestys Service, Sir William Pepperells Regim[t] and Your own.

Lieu[t] General Phillipps Regim[t] is I am afraid very Weak I will however send him His Majestys Orders to send what Recruits can be got from hence, And You will also endeavour to have His Regim[t] Compleated out of the Americans.

As it is His Majestys Intention that the Americans shou'd be Immediately discharg'd except only such few as

are Mention'd above the manner of discharging them the Satisfaction for their Time &c^{a} must be left to Commodore Knowles and Yourself The King however is persuaded You will do it as cheap as possible.

And as these American Troops have done little or no Service hitherto It is to be hoped they will not expect to be paid in the Manner they would have been had they Actually been employ'd on Service: And as it seems highly reasonable that such of these Troops as have remain'd in the Provinces when they were Inlisted shou'd be Contented with less Pay than such of them as may have March'd into other Provinces.

When You and Mr Knowles shall have met and fully Considered the Service to be undertaken in the manner above directed and shall have agreed what Number of Americans it will be Necessary to keep in Pay for that Purpose it is His Majestys Pleasure that You shou'd procure an Account of the whole Expence Incurred on Account of the American Troops from the Time of their being Levied to the time of their Discharge and when the same shall be fully Adjusted and Liquidated You will Transmit it to me with the proper Vouchers from the several Governours that it may be laid before Parliam^{t} to the end that Provision may be made for the Payment And in the mean time in order to prevent any Complaint amongst the Men that have been Inlisted (as well those that shall be discharg'd as those that shall Continue in Service) for want of Im̄ediate Pay You will recommend it to the Governours of the Provinces where these Levies have been made to procure Creditt from the Respective Assemblies for that Purpose which His Majesty hopes may be done without Difficulty

It is also His Majestys Pleasure that Mr Knowles and You shou'd Consider what Number of Americans will be realy wanted for the Service above mention'd and the King wou'd have You retain so many as may be absolutely Necessary for that Service and no more and the King hopes that a small Number of the Americans with His Majestys Forces which You have may be Sufficient for that Purpose as the

Expence of those Americans is very great and as to the Americans in General except only such as may be wanted for the Service above mention'd It is His Majestys Pleasure that You in Conjunction with Commodore Knowles shoud thank them in such Manner as You think proper and Immediately discharge them upon the best and Cheapest Foot You Can and in Order thereto You will Consult with the respective Govts upon the manner of doing it and You will Transmit to His Majesty an Immediate Account of what You shall do therein

N B This Paragraph shou'd have been Inserted between the Fourth and fifth Paragraphs.

(A Copy) W SHIRLEY CHAS KNOWLES.

[Indorsed] Extracts of Ye Duke of New Castles Letter to Grs Sherly &c

BENNING WENTWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

PORTSMOUTH May 30th 1747

Sir,

His Majestys Service haveing made it necessary for me to appoint an officer in your Government, to prevent the destruction of the Kings woods on the Several branches of Connecticut River & the parts adjacent, & Mr William Prout haveing been recommended to me as a fit person to be Imploy'd on this occasion, I have Impower'd him to take Care of the Kings woods in that Quarter, I must therefore recommend him to your Honour, hopeing he will meet with all Necessary assistance in your Government, where His Majestys Interest requires it, and if there should be any Impediment in the way you will be very kind in Signifying it to me, that I may have an opportunity to remove it.

Mr Prout has my Instructions to behave prudently & discreetly in his office, & to Show all proper Respect to your Honour & those in Authority under you, which I am

hopeing he has duly observed. I am with great respect
Sr your Honours most obedient
& humle Servt
B WENTWORTH

The Honle JONATHAN LAW Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Wentworths May 30 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 1st 1747

Sir,

I wrote to your Honour the 15th of May last to inform you of the State of Affairs in relation to the Six Nations & the general Inclination among them to prosecute the War against our common Enemy, & thereupon to desire that your Government would encourage this Spirit in those Indians by making such Supplies for fitting them out & rewarding their Services as may be necessary for that End. Since the Date of my Letter Our General Court are met, & having taken the same Matter under Consideration, have Voted One Thousand Pounds New Tenor to be put into the Hands of Colo Stoddard to be employed in this Service, which together with £750 before remitted to him in Goods by Order of the Governmt being added to the many Presents which this Governmt have made to those Indians, since the beginning of the War, may justly be esteemed so large a Proportion of the Charge necessary in the most effectual manner to encourage the six Nations, to prosecute this War, that if the other Governments in North America, would grant proportionable Sums for the same Service, It is highly probable that the Success of these Attempts would more than Answer our Expence, it being the most likely way to weaken & distress the French at present, & to make Way for the Reduction of Canada, when ever it may be attempted.

This I write to your Honour at the Request of our General Assembly (who are much concerned to have this Affair Succeed) as well as from my own earnest Desire to promote an Affair which I think His Majesty's Interests &

the Safety of his good Subjects in these Colonies is so deeply concerned; And therefore I must pray y^r Honour to lay this Matter before your Assembly & use your Influence for bringing them in to join with us in promoting this Service

I am Sir
Your Honour's most
obedient humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The hon^ble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

HARTFORD June 3^d 1747

S^r

Upon the Motion of Col^o Huntington that some method for the Redemption of his Son, now in Captivity with many other New England People at Canada, may be provided; I am Desired to Send to you, to know whether a Carteel may be Settled between New England, & the French at Canada, to go up the river St Lawrence, and by that way obtain the Redemption of Our Captives; and what hath been done already towards it; that if any Flag of Truce should go from Boston, we may have Opportunity to take Benefit thereby, and if none can be obtained that way then whether a Settlement may not be made for the Exchange of our Prisoners by Land, and what method may have been tho't off by you for this Purpose;

Your Answer hereto will Oblige Your Excellencys
Obedient Humble Servant

His Excellency Wm SHERLEY Esqr

[Indorsed by Trumble] Copy of Letter to Govr Shirley June 4th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

HARTFORD June 1747

Sr

On the Motion of Colo Huntington, that Some Method may be provided for the Redemption of his Son, now in Captivity with many Other New England People at Canada; I am Desired to write to your Excellency to Know whether a Settlement may not be Obtained for the Exchange of Prisoners by Land, between those Governments, and the French at Canada, and whether any Measures may have already been used towards it, and what method is thot of by you for this Purpose; Your Answer in this regard will oblige

Sr Your Excellency's
Obedient Humе Servant

His Excellcy G. CLINTON Esqr

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Govr Clinton June 3d 1747

[Indorsed by Trumble] Copy of Letter to Govr Clinton June 4th 1747

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.*

Copy

LONDON 4th June 1747

The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

Sr

Having already wrote your Honr by this Conveyance I have only to add thereto Copies of the Report made to his Majesty by the Lords of Trade upon examining the Accots of the Colony's Disbursements in the Expedition against Cape Breton and the order of Reference to the Lords of the Treasury whom I shall accordingly attend thereupon & am

* This letter preceeds, on the same sheet the letter of Eliakim Palmer to Law dated London 26th Augt 1747

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Council Chamber Whitehall
the 27th Day of May 1747
Present
The Lords of His Majestys most Hon'ble Privy Council

Whereas there was this Day read at the Board a Report made by the Lords Commissrs for Trade & Plantations, and His Majesty's Secretary at War dated the 14 of this Inst upon Examining into the Account of the Expences of the Colony of Connecticut arisen from the Expedition to Cape Breton & for the Defence & Security of Louisburg after it's Reduction to His Majesty's Obedience, Which Expences the said Colony pray'd to be reimburs'd. It is thereupon order in Council, that the said Report together with the Accounts thereto Annex'd, Be, and they are herewith Transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury who are to Call the Agent of the said Colony before them, & to Settle and Adjust the Demand made by the said Colony, & to prepare an Estimate of the Expence in order to be laid before the next Session of Parliament

[Indorsed by Law] Order of the King & Council to ye Lds of the Treasury May 27 1747 recd March 21st

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

5th June 1747

Sr

I have the favour of yours of 25th of last Month by Mr Justice Whiting I immediately gave directions and proper Orders, and referr you to Mr Whiting for particulars I am in great hopes to be able to put a Stop to these villainous proceedings and make an Example of Some

I am Sr very much your
humble Servt
G CLINTON

To the Honble Govr Laws

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons June 10th 1747

JAMES WADSWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

DURHAM June 8th 1747

May it please Your Honour

to excuse me for troubleing you Soone with these lines, after my parting with Your Honour at Hartford, I intended to mentioned it in the Assembly to consider whether the act of parliament, in reference to Canvas would not hurt this Govert. I feare it will discourage Industery, & put a Hardship upon the tradeing part of this Colony. I would humbly propose it to Your Honour to write to our agent mr Palmer, whether that act as now explained will be understood to extend to the plantations, if So whether by a proper aplication we may not be allowed to cloath our own vessells with canvas made amongst our Selves. Not further to ad, but to ask your Honours pardon, and

to Subscribe my Self

your verry humble & obedient Servt

JAMES WADSWORTH

[Superscribed] For the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr at Milford.

[Indorsed] James Wadsworths Letter June 1747

ISRAEL WILLIAMS' LETTER

HATFD June 19. 1747

To the Chief Military Officers
of the Several Companies in
the Regiment of the Militia
in the County of Hampshe
Gentn,

I have this minute by Express from Mr Lydius, recd Information that eight days before ye date of this, that near three hundred Canoes and Battoes then arrivd at Crown point, with 8, 10, & 12 men in each, discovd by Some of our friend Indians who were at Crown point, waiting for an Opportunity to Catch some of our Enemies. Its probable the Enemy have or will take their

Rout to our Frontiers. This is therefore to direct you to See to it that your Companies be all Equip'd and in the Utmost readiness to march for ye relief of those that may be in distress, or Stand in need of help.

If Maj^r Pynchon be in the County I desire he would Write Govr Wolcott, the news, and desire they woud be ready & afford us their Assistance. I am now sending to Boston and cant write.

I am, Y^r Hum^e Ser^t
IS^L WILLIAMS

To be sent to ye sev^l officers forthwith.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 20th 1747

Sir,

At the Desire of Our General Assembly, I send your Honour by Express the Advices, I have just now received, of a great Body of French and Indians assembled at Crown Point, & from thence on their March towards Our Frontiers, or the Frontiers of the Province of New York, or both; (as we must necessary conclude) and as We have the utmost reason to expect an Attack from the Enemy every Moment, I must desire your Honour, forthwith to send a good Body of Forces out of your Government, for the Protection of Our Western Frontiers, with orders to your Commanding Officer to act with the Utmost Care & Diligence in this Affair, & to follow such Directions as he shall receive from Col^o John Stoddard, or in his Absence from Brigadier Dwight for his proceedings herein. It is thought adviseable that a great Part of your Soldiers be sent to Stockbridge & the Places in that neighbourhood which will be much exposed to the Enemy. If your men can carry a good Quantity of Provisions without much Delay, it will expedite their March, & there will be danger of your not finding sufficient Provisions there, & they may depend upon this Government's

paying them for it.

I am Sir, Your Honour's
most obedient humble Servant
W SHIRLEY.

Govr LAWS

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's Express concerning a Discovery of a Body of French & Indians receiv^{d} June 24th 1747

JOHN H. LYDIUS TO JOHN STODDARD.

Col^{o} Stoddard,

S^{r}

According to Orders I sent a party of 14 Indians against the Enemy. One of the said Party meeting with a Mischance got lame, with whom four others returned, so that but nine proceeded & came as far as Crown Point where they lay in wait two days for an Opportunity to try to make an attack. They espied in the Lake a large body of Canoes & Battoes of about or near three hundred 8, 10 & 12 men in each. Seeing them in a Body appeared as an Island in the Lake when they came near Crown Point Fort, they were Saluted with 12 great Guns which was returned by their small Arms. Those Indians thinking this a matter of great importance found good speedily to return, in order to give us intelligence of that large Body coming as they think against some of the Frontiers. S^{r} taking this to be a matter of such Importance incumbent on me to give your Honour information I have as speedily as possible forwarded this by Express, this is the sixth day since they have seen the aforesaid Army arrive at Crown Point. I have also this day jointly with Col^{o} Roberts sent Six of the same Indians and one white man in order to make a further discovery of their motions & if to your parts shall if possible give advice. In the mean time I beg of your Hon^{r} to send orders to all the western Frontiers to be on their guard for fear of a surprize. Hend^{k} & his party is not arrived but momently

expected, I am with due regards to y^r Hon^r & all friends y^r Hon^rs

most humble & Obed^t Servt
JOHN H. LYDIUS

ALBANY June ye 17, 1747.

P. S. Sr The article of Virmilmion is not to be had at New York nor Philadelphia & is exceeding necessary, I beg all that is to be had at Boston may be sent here without delay. Just now came to Town one Tiscauorora Indian having also with a party of Six been fitted and was gone three of whom turned back, the other three proceeded, & being got as far as Teyondaroge where from a mount they see the abovementioned Enemy going by towards Wood Creek so that it appears to me it is meant either for Hosack or Saratoga.

They was on said hill they heard the fire of a Gun, they put their Packs off and went down the hill, they see some of the Enemy's Canoes who had perceived, and they called to them who they were Ours answered Tiscororas on which several Shot was fired at our Indians who then fled, being as they said but three in number One of them see an Indian Enemy on the Land at whom he fired and killed him and as he was going to take his Scalp he was shot by some others laying concealed he crying out to the two others, I am killed, at whom several Shot was also fired the one that is arrived does not know what is become of the third, he farther says he see and spoke to some Cognewagers who said the French had a Fort at Teyonnonderoge and at the Lake St Sacrema and on the hearing that the two Tiscaroros was killed they said they would not proceed further but return directly. I am as abovs^d

Y^r Hon^rs most humb^e Obed^t Servt
JOHN H LYDIUS

Copy Examined
℔ J WILLARD Secry

[Indorsed] Mr John H Lydius's Advice of Arrival of a Large Body of French & Indians at Crown Point on the 11th June Instant recd June 24th 1747

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston June 20th 1747

Sir,

I am directed by the General Court of this Province to acquaint your Honour, That his Excellency our Governr has determined (at the request of both Houses) to send a Flag of Truce to Canada, with Commissioners to proceed therein to Quebeck, in order to effect the Redemption of all such English Prisoners belonging to this Governmt and the Governmts of New Hampshire, Connecticut & Rhode Island as may be within that Government, and to use all possible Care to recover such of the said English Captives as may be in the hands of the Indians; And that all the french Prisoners that may be obtained within these Governments be sent in the sd Flag of Truce to Canada; And I am further to inform your Honour, that the Resolution of this Governmt in the said Affair is taken in Confidence that the said Governmts of New Hampshire, Connecticut & Rhode Island will join in the Expence that will arise by the sending the said Flag of Truce in proportion to the Number of Prisoners belonging to each Governmt that may be redeemed; And it is also desired that your Honour would give Orders that whatever french Prisoners are within your Colony be forthwith got ready to be sent hither in order to their being transported to Canada in the said Flag of Truce. Your Honour will please to let this Governmt know your Determination on this Affair as soon as you can with Convenience.

I am Sir,
Your Honour's most Obedient
and most Humble Servt
JOSIAH WILLARD Secry

The honble Governour Laws

[Indorsed] Secry Willards Letter abt a flagg of Truce June 20th 1747

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 21 June 1747

Sr

Las night I recd by Express from Coll Roberts an account, that on the 10th Inst arrived at Crown point about 300 Canoes with French & Indians the major part Indians, with two large white flaggs & Drums beating, & that the Fort saluted them with 12 Guns, which they return'd with small arms, & that a Tuscorara Indian came to Albany last Wednesday in the afternoon, he was part of a party of 3 that went a Scalping about 30 mile on this side Crown point, & says that on Sunday last he met the Enemy in a great number of Canoes coming the way toward Wood Creek, & that they were attacked by six Indians, that were a Shoar as Scouts, that they killed his Brother & he escaped by flight, & that it is believed this Expedition is against some part of new England.

I am Sr with great respect

your Honours most humble Sert

G CLINTON

P S I am this moment embarking for Albany

[Superscribed] On his Majesty's Service To The Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr Governour & Commander in Chief of Conecticut

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons recd June 24 1747

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD June 23. 1747

Sr

The Enclosed Letters with Letter from Govr Shirley to me Came by Express from Govr Shirley Last Night upon viewing the Contents I thought best to Call the Comittee for the War and Lay the [ ] before them before I sent it to your Honr that you might know what was done by them The Comittee have Met this day and Resolved to send

400 men to Stockbridge and our north western fronteers Your Hon^{r} will Consider what is further to be Done from Whome I shall alwaies hope to Directed and am

your Hon^{rs}

very Humble serv^{t}

R WOLCOTT

the Hon^{able} JONATH LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{able} JONATHAN LAW Esqr In Milford

[Indorsed] Govr Wolcotts concerning Com^{te} of War at Hartford Order to Detach Men. June 23^{d} 1747

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD June 27th 1747

Honble S^{r}

I rec^{d} yours by Capt Elihu Hall and the two Comissions Inclosed, and also a dozen of Blanks which I have Sent back by Capt Hall desier your Houn^{r} will put your Seal to them & Send them, to Hartford by the first Opertunity; I think that these Comissions Should have your Houn^{rs} Seal and not the Seal of the Corporation; being ofisors not appointed by the Assembly but by your Houn^{r}; as to what your Houn^{r} mentions of being at a Loss what was Intended by wrighting for Commissions for three Companeys when there was four to be Raised, the reason was this; we got two blanks of the Secretary which we filled up for the two Commission Officers in this Regement, and we thought that the others might be Sent from your Houn^{r} Sooner than any other way our men marched from on thirsday last for Stockbridge, the Com̄ètte of Warr have Ordered Eight barrels of porke of the Goverments Stores in Co^{ll} Wells hands to be taken into baggs and transported on Horseback to Sheffield for the Support of our forces, which went a long yesterday, by 12 Horses & Six men to Convey it, we hear nothing further of the Enemy but are in hourly expectation of hearing Something about them; I hear they are verey much allarumed in the uper Towns, & have drawn the Men in the Lower

Towns up into there fronters, a Small party I hear have lately ben discovered at Dearfield, if all that we hear is true I fear there is Great dainger of the Enemys doing great Spoyl on Some of the English Setelments unless by an Over Ruleing hand of providence they are prevented As to what your Hounr mentions Concerning the Goverments Stores, I am of the Opinion it is best Spedaly to dispose of the greatest part I fear the porke hath taken Damage allredey and if it lies much longer unsould, I fear will be Lost, Capt Halls is now waiting, and I shall not further Add but that I Remain your Hounrs Most Obedient Humble Servtt

NATHLL STANLY

To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Collt Stanlys July 3d 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 29th 1747

Sir,

This will inform your Honour that this Government taking into Consideration the great Danger which all his Majesty's Colonies in North America are in (as well as their own particular Danger) of being in Time destroyed by the French & Indians under their Influence, without a firm Union between themselves for their mutual Defence, & for weakening & destroying the Power of the Enemy, and more especially for driving the French from the Borders of the Province of New York & this Province have appointed Commissioners to meet in a Congress to be held at New York on the second day of September next, with such Commissioners as may be appointed by all his Majesty's Governments from New Hampshire to Virginia inclusively, then & there to treat & agree upon Measures for encouraging the Indians of the six Nations vigorously to prosecute their Incursions on the Enemy, as also to agree upon the Method & Proportion of raising Men & Money for carrying on the War both offensively, & defensively, and to project &

settle such Enterprizes & Plans of Operation as the Common Interest shall require

Your Honour will I doubt not duly consider the great Importance of this Matter & represent it in the strongest Light to your Assembly that they may see not only how deeply his Majesty's Interest in General is concerned, but that their own particular Safety will be soon much affected by the growing Power of the French, & more especially the Hazard there is, that they will bring the Six Nations into their Interest, in Case they are not forthwith most vigorously supported by the English; without which it will be but a very little while before the Southern as well as Northern Colonies, will be exposed to their Fury; And therefore I would earnestly recommend it to the several Governments separately to make Provision without Delay for the Encouragement of the Six Nations, 'till the Congress can be held; This Government having already advanced many large Sums of Money & still continuing to do more for this Service. Your Honour will be pleased to give me Seasonable Advice of the Resolutions of your Government on this most important Affair

I am Sir

Your Honour's most

obedient & most humble Servant

W. SHIRLEY

The hon^ble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD June 30th 1747

S^r

Yours of the 20th I rec^d on ye 24th with Advise from his Hon^r the D. Governour that he had called the Com^tee together and that they had agreed to Send 400 men and I gave Commissions accordingly for that purpose who were Soon upon their march. I had advice from Govr Clinton of the arrival of a body of French and Indians att Crown point just before I rec^d yours: I have Since a Rumour from up

Country and from new York of 64 persons being killed and taken att Surratoga which I fear was all that Remained there the Rest haveing deserted

Our assembly have granted 600ll to be Sent to Coll[l] Stoddard for Incouraging the Indians and more to be drawn out by me and my Concil if occasion should So require, not Exceeding 2000ll this is all present the needful from

Your Excellencies most
humble & obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

his Excellency Gov[r] SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copies of Letters to Gov[r] Shirley & Secry Willard June 30th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO JOSIAH WILLARD.

MILFORD June 30th 1747

S[r]

In Answer to yours of the 20th Instant I send you a Copy of the Act of our Assembly in May last on the Memorial of Hez: Huntington Esq[r] which affords an Answer to yours so far as I am able to give w[ch] is as follows

Att a Gen[l] Assembly &c*

I am S[r] Your humble and
obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

JOSIAH WILLARD Secr[y]

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO DUKE OF BEDFORD.

Extract of a letter from Gov[r] Shirley to the Duke of Bedford dated July 2[d] 1747.

As to the Connecticut & Rhode Island levies, I think it may be proper to apprize your Grace that the Soldiers of the

*The resolution of the Assembly directs the Governor to see what can be done about arranging for an exchange of prisoners; and to prosecute that design he is authorized to draw from the public treasury so much money as he with the advice of the Council shall judge necessary.

Regiment rais'd in the firstmention'd Colony, & consisting of ab^{t} 1000 Men, were dismiss'd to their respective homes after their Arms being deliver'd up to their Officers, ab^{t} twelve Months before the time of their being discharg'd by Mr Knowles & me on the 31st of October last, there to remain till farther Order; so that they were employ'd on no Duty all that time, but follow'd their several Occupations in in their own Dwellings, subject to the Inconvenience of being oblig'd to hold themselves in Readiness to return to his Majesty's Service, when call'd upon; The whole Pay of these Officers & Soldiers for this Space of time will amount to ab^{t} £15000 Sterl^{g}; & what Deductions sh^{d} be made out of the pay of the Noncommission Officers & private Men, or rather what Allowance should be made 'em for their remaining so long under the Terms of their Enlistment, at their own Houses, I thought would be proper for your Grace's Consideration; as also what Saving might be reasonably made out of the Pay of the Commission Officers, whose Case seems to be different from that of their respective Companies; it having been, as they urge to me, ag^{t} their Consent that the Men were thus dismiss'd, but a voluntary Act in the Men; & besides it seems very considerable in their favour, that they were at an Expence in raising their Men, & put themselves out of their former Course of Business, & may probably be Losers upon the whole, even if they sh^{d} receive their full Pay without Deductions for this time, & the Encouragement or Discouragement of the Officers in general to exert themselves on future Emergencies in his Majesty's Service, by the Treatment, they receive from the Crown upon this Occasion, seems to be likewise a Matter that deserves your Graces Consideration.

Copy,
W SHIRLEY

[Indorsed by Law] Extract of a Letter from Govr Shirley to D of Bedford July 2^{d} 1747 rec^{d} June 28 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO NATHANIEL STANLY.

MILFORD July 3d 1747

Sr

Yours by Capt Hall of the 27th Last I received Sent for my Comte that I might give Orders to the Comissaries and I recd a Letter from Govr Shirley a Copy whereof I Inclose to to you and on Consideration thereof thôt it adviseable to deferr giving out those Orders 'till the coming of the Post from Nw York when I might possibly be further advised of the present State of Affairs to the Northward, and Considering the Provision already made for encouraging the Indians, and the Care and Authority for protecting the Frontiers Lodg'd with the Comte being the speediest Remedy on any sudden Emergency and there having been provision made (with good caution) for a general Congress at Nw York. We thôt it not likely to be of any real Service to be at the Charge and fatigue of an Assembly in so busy a Season, yet I would ask the Sentiments of you Gentlemen above whether the Provision above mention'd may not answer the Ends proposed as well & as fully as any thing which might further be done by an Assembly?

Not knowing how soon you may have special Occasion for Comissions I have added my Seal & sent them not thinking it safe to delay it for an Accidental Opportunity. I also Inclose to you an Extract of a Letter out of one of the Nw York News Papers of this Week

My Service to his Honr and the Rest of the Gentlemen to your Spouse & accept the same from Yr Friend & Sert

JONN LAW

NATH STANLY Esq

Copy

P S. I sent on the 30th of Last Month to Govr Shirley an acct of what was for Encouragement of the Indians and of the 400 Men sent

J LAW

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll Stanly & concerning Govr Shirleys Letter July 3d 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston July 6th 1747

Sir,

Upon the Advices I have received this Day, by Express from Our Western Frontiers, of the great Appearance of the Enemy upon Hudson's River, & the Attack they are making upon the Fort at Sarahtogo, and the Danger I apprehend the Indians of the Six Nations are in, as well as all the English Colonies, in Case of the Enemy's Success, I have thought it necessary to give Brigadier Dwight Orders, that if the Forces on Hudson's River should want any Succours to drive the Enemy out of those Parts, & to defend the Six Nations, that he should go with such a Detachment, out of his Regiment, as might be spared without endangering our own Frontier; And I must earnestly recommend it to your Honour, to send such a Force out of your Government, as being joined with those of New York, & such as might be spared from Our Frontier, may, by the Blessing of God, give some notable Repulse to the Enemy, & hearten Our Friend Indians; for it is better encountering the Enemy at some Distance than in the Heart of Our own Country; This Affair must be proceeded upon without Delay; For if we should succeed herein, nothing will more effectually secure the Six Nations in Our Interests, But if the Enemy should succeed, there is the utmost Danger of our losing the Six Nations, wch would be of the most fatal Consequence to Us.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most

obedient humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The Honble Jonathan Laws Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys July 10 1747

DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND ASSISTANTS TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH July 6th 1747

Sr;

Colo Huntington moving us to give our Thoughts upon what money shall be drawn by your Honour for The Settling the Carteil To Canada for The Redemption of our Prisoners from Thence, and Informing us That on our Motion They are proceeding upon it at Boston, and have Chosen Comissioners To Go, and Intend to Send Speedily, and That There is No Time to be Lost; and Considering The Difficulty of your Honour's getting the Council Together upon it; We have Therefore presumed To Inform of our Opinion, That Colo Huntington be Entrusted with One Thousand pounds old Tenour To be Improved for That purpose, and That he be directed Concerning it That if Less may Answer The Intention That he Return what is over; Thô according To our Small Acquaintance with such Affairs, we are apt To Think That will not be more Than will be Expected from us; and We should be unwilling To have it Fail Thô more should be Wanted; Which is Submitted

By your Honour's

Obedient Humble Servants

SAMUEL LYNDE
JONTH TRUMBLE
I Concur ROGER WOLCOTT
WM PITKIN
NATHLL STANLY
JNO CHESTER

To the Honble JONTH LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] D Govr &c for Colll Huntington July 11th 1747 to draw a 1000ll old Tenour

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July 6th 1747

Sir,

On the 22d of last Month I wrote to your Honour, by Order of the General Court of this Province, referring to a Flag of Truce Governour Shirley is sending to Canada: The only thing I have to inform your Honour of, on that Head is, that it is expected that the Flag of Truce will sail from hence about the Middle of next Week, & to desire, that if there be any French Prisoners in your Government which your Honour proposes to send to Canada by this Flag of Truce, that you would please to send them to Boston so that they may be ready to embark by the Time appointed

I am with great respect
Sir, your Honour's
most Obedt humE Servant
JOSIAH WILLARD

I have recd your Honours Letter by the last Post
Govr LAWS

[Indorsed] Secry Willards July 10 1747

NATHANIEL STANLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD July 8th 1747

Honble Sr

yours by Capt Hall Came last night to my hand about Eleven a Clook I have not yet had oppertunity to Acquaint the Dept Govr with it, but shall take the first opertunity for it, I have this minit Recd your Hounrs of ye 7th Instant with what is Inclosed; there will need nothing to be done relating to the Deficulty Complaind of by Capt Andrew Tuttle, respecting his men at Sheffield, for the Comittee of Warr have Sent an Express yesterday to Call them all of, we have Coll Stoddards advise for it, I am Sorrey your Hounr or Coll Eeles Should be troubled with Such Complaints from the Officers, I think if they had wanted any Provitions they Should have Sent to ye Comitte of Warr hear who would have taken Care to have Supplied them, I

hope they have not Suffered, much by reason of want, we have Sent them 12 barels of pork, and 1200 wait of Bread, and have Ordered that if it be not all Spent to leave the remainder with Aaron Sheldon; a person who Coll Stoddard Desires it may be left with for the use of that Goverment As to what your Hounr mentions Concerning the Assemblys being Called to meet, I can Say onely for my Selfe, that I am of the Opinion it is not nessarey to Call the Assembly to Meat at this time, for as much as the Assembly have All redey Appointed, Gent men Comissioners to Meet in a Congress as is proposed by Govr Shurley and as to the Affairs of the Warr I hope the Comitte of Warr hear will not be wanting to do Evereything that lyes with them to do for ye publick good, The Dept Govr was at Hartford yesterday who is lately Come from North Hampton, and has had a great deal of discorse with Coll Stoddard respecting the Manegment of ye Warr the Coll thinks it may be best that our men return that are at Sheffield & Stockbridge thinking they ar not in more dainger then Some other places; it is Said that at No 4 they hear Guns fiered in the woods all most everey day which they Conclude are done by the Enemy; there being no English persons there; the Coll I perceve is of the minde that the Enemy will Stear there Corse Chiefly towards the Dutch & the Six nations this Sumer, but is not without fear that Some of the Uper Towns may Suffer by them

I shall not further Add but with my Hearty Regards to your Honour, & Servise to Maddam your Spouse, I subscribe my Selfe your Honours Humble Servt

NATHLL STANLY

[Indorsed by Law] Coll Stanly's July 9th 1747

JAMES WADSWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

DURHAM July 8th 1747.

May it please your Honour

Capt E: Hall is with me, he proposeth to me from your Honour, whether at Govr Sherrly desire a Genll Assy be

called to appoynt Com^{rs} to Joyne those of the Mass^{ts} &c. I can not give in to the opinion of calling an Assembly for that purpose, if it be thought proper to Joyne our Com^{rs} doubtless it will be time enough next October, for as yet (as I Supose) the more western have not yet appoynted theire Comm^{rs}; wishing your Honour health & prosperity. the barer waits & may not enlarge

I remaine your Honours
most humble Servt
JAMES WADSWORTH

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr
At Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Wadsworth's July 8th 1747

JAMES WADSWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

DURHAM July 9th 1747.

Honourable Sir:

Colonel Huntington is now with me, and hath Shewen to me a letter Signed by his Hon^{r} the Dep^{t} Govr &c, therein a Sum of money mentioned &c I believe that Sum there mentioned will be (as to quantety) expended before we get our Captives home. but I am Informed that the matter is undertaken by the Gove^{t} of the Massa^{ts} with an expectation, that we be our proportiable part according to the number of Captives will be found there belonging to this Colony & Shall be Redeemed So it dont look like that any money will be now wanted. but if your Honour thinkes it Necesary, I consent to the drawing out the Sum mentioned in the above letter. being the needfull from

your Honours
Most humble Servt
JAMES WADSWORTH

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr
at Milford

ELIHU HALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

WALL^{d} 9th July 1747

May it please your Hon^{r}

I have sent this to convey Col^{l} Wadsworth's Letter being disappointed of any other Oppurtunity Whereby y^{r} honour may be advised of Col^{l} Stanly & Co^{l} Chesters Sentiments on the Contents of Govr Shirley's Letter 29 June Ult: who both express themselves that the Matter is well provided for without Limitation of Time as to any past Period, guarded with due Caution, & as to Co^{l} Wadsworths your Hon^{r} will have it before you. I am your Hon^{rs} Dutiful & Obedient Servt to com̄and

E HALL

The Hon^{l} Govr LAW

[Indorsed] Capt Hall's July 10th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD July 11th 1747

Sir

In answere to that of m^{r} Sectry Willards of the 6th Instant: We have not any french Prisoners In this Colony at present: that I Can Learn yet hope we may have all propper benifit by the Flag of Truce your are Sending to Canada. We have had many french Prisoners here since the Reduction of Cape breton who have been Rele[ ]^{d} to Return to their several places: Without any In Exchange for them: Which may be as an argument for the Redemption of ours at Canada.

And as we Expect to be at our proportion of Charge agreeable to tirmes proposed by your General Court: So that there be a Remembrance of all our Captives there. Especaly of Mr Hezekiah Huntington Junr Capt Samuell Storey Peter Harris Junr Edy Trap & Lemuell Martin

I rec^{d} yours of ye 6th Instant on ye 10th as also that of ye 29th of June on ye 3^{d} Instant and remembering that the Assembly here had appointed Com^{rs} for a Congress at the same place on ye same Acc^{t} and that ye Assembly had

ordered money for ye encouragement of ye Indians (as I hinted to you before) and appointed a Com^tee^ of Warr at Hartford for ye Defence of our frontiers and your western ones I doubted of any adventagious addition to be made by an Assembly, however sent by an Express to the D. Governour and other Gentlemen above to know their Sentiments about it as also to send provisions to our Troops gone into your Gov^t^ where the people could not support them. I rec^d^ an Answer on ye 9th dated on ye 8th That nothing could be added by an Assembly in the Articles proposed and that provisions were sent and directed that what should not be used by our forces should be left with Mr Sheldon according as Coll^l^ Stoddard had desired for the use of your Gov^t^ and that an Express was sent yesterday to call off our forces, done by Coll Stoddards Advice.

Now your Excellency knows the motion you make for joyning Brigadier Dwight cant be without an Assembly which makes it impracticable to be done without delay. Coll^l^ Skuyler is got safe to Surratoga thô Maj^r^ Williams's Scout were there before him and returnd to fort Massachusetts without seeing any Enemy. but that I might not be tedious I Subscribe

Your humble, obedient Servant

J L

his Excellency Govr SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley July 11th 1747

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

N^TH^ HAMPTON July 13–1747

*S^r^*,

when you was here I Informed you that I had laid out the Six Hundred Pounds you wrote to me of, according to the best of my Power, and that the Goods were purchased with other Goods bought with Money Granted by our Government, which your Hou^nr^ thought not worth while to distinguish by Parcells.

I have Inclosed a Copy of the Invoice Sent to Mr Lydius, with a Copy of my last Letter to him, wherein you will observe that I propose that the Goods be Employed agreable to my Letter of June 1: wherein I directed those Gentmn to use the Goods in fitting out the Indians, and rewarding them for Scalps & Prisoners according as had been accustomed by the Government of New York. always taking an accompt of the Numbers of each Party sent on our account, with the Names of their Commanders, and transmitting these things to me ℔ first oppertunity, taking Care not to Exceed the Sum Granted.

This I thought a safe way, and would not lay the Government under a necessity of more Expence than they Pleased hereafter to be at.

I have given my Note for the Goods bought for Connectct Government, and if you Please to send the Bills ℔ Mr Benjn Alvard his receipt shall Discharge you.

There will doubtless be the Charge of freight &c which I can't at Present particularly Inform you of.

you are Sencible that the usual Commissions are five ℔ cent.

my Express returned from Albany on Saturday last by whom Mr Lydius wrote largly. I perceive that 5 Senecas and one Dutch man left Hendrick (two or three days before their misfortune) and Went to Isle Pero near Montreal, and killed or took three Persons and burnt Several buildings, Hendrick landed on the same Island, but was obliged to lye Concealed two or 3 days then 26 determined to return and 12 designed to make tryal for an oppertunity near Montreal, and before they had been long parted, the 26 attempting to land on the Southern Shore the French and Caguawagas Called who is there, they answered Maquas and Albanians, then the Enemy fired on our People who lost Seven Blacks and 3 whites. Hendrick was within hearing, and they pretend to know and call by name several french Maquas, that were present and that such a man Said he had taken two another one &c they say a french man had taken two, who happened to kill their Master & Escaped.

Hendrick Complains greatly to Gov^nr Clinton of the negligence of the Several Governments in loosing divers oppertunities to take Crown Point &c.

but I must break of, think the easiest way is to send my Letters that you may Peruse them before I send to Boston, and

Remain your very Humble Obedient Servant
JOHN STODDARD

the Honble Roger Wolcott Esqr

INVOICE OF GOODS.

Invoice of Two Cases & Three Bales Merchandize, Eleven Piggs & Thirty Barrs Lead, & Two Chests Arms, Ship'd by the Honble John Stoddard Esqr, on board the Brigt Success Tim^o Standley Master for New York, & consigned to Mr Robert Livingston Junr Merchant there, to be Forwarded to Maj^r John H Lydius at Albany, Mark'd and Numbered as ℭ Margent Viz^t

1	S a Case Cont^a vizt									
N° 1	3 p Strip'd Duffills		@	£20	60	—	—			
	5 p ¾ Garlets	N° 2	@	71/3	17	16	3			
	14 p Ditto	3		75/	52	10	—			
	25 p Ditto	4		78/9	98	8	9			
	16 p Ditto	5		82/6	66	—	—			
	5 doz Jack knives			12/6	3	2	6			
	26^ll Vermilion			25/	32	10	—			
	¼ hundred red Lead		@	90/	1	2	6	331	10	—
2	a Case Cont^a									
	2 p^s & 8 Strip'd Duffill Blankets									
			@	£20	50	13	4			
	1 p^s White Cotton 96½ yds		@	3/9	18	1	10½	68	15	2½
3	a Bale Cont^a 5 p Strip'd Duffills									
			@	£20	100	—	—			
4	a Ditto Cont^a									
	1 p^s White Cotton 97 yds		@	3/9	18	3	9			
	10 p^s ¾ Garlets	N° 6	@	86/3	43	2	6			
	9 p^s D^o	7	@	90/	40	10	—	101	16	3

5	a Bale Cont[a]									
	1 p[s] blue broad Cloth N[o] 8 24½ y[ds]									
			@	20	24	10	—			
	2 p[s] Ditto N[o] 13 31½									
	14 34½	65¾ y[ds]	@	22/6	73	19	4½			
	1 p[s] red Coating	26½ y[ds]	@	13/	17	4	6	115	13	10½
*	11 Pigs, 30 bars } Lead W[t] 20[t] 1[qr] 23[ll]		@	55/7½[d]	56	17	10½			
	Truck[g] the Lead aboard				—	5	—	57	2	10½
6	2 Chests Cont[a]									
7	34 Small arms		@	50/	85	—	—			
	8 Ditto		@	47/6	19	—	—			
	2 Ditto		@	90/	9	—	—			
	7 Ditto		@	60	21	—	—			
	5 Ditto			43/9	10	18	9	144	18	9
	Trucking the above							—	6	—
								£920	2	11½

Invoice of One Case Merchandize Ship'd by the Hon[ble] John Stoddard Esq[r] on board Sloop Weymouth John Conkling Master for New York & goes consigned as the within viz[t]

1*	S a Case Cont[a]									
N[o] 8	1 p[s] White Cotton N[o] 39	93 y[ds]		3/9	17	8	9			
	2 p[s] finer Ditto N[o] 25	94								
	56	99								
		193 y[ds]		4/1½[d]	39	16	1½			
	40 Leather handle Cutlasses			6/3	12	10	—			
	Carting aboard					1	3	69	16	1½
	The Foot of the Inv[d] on the other Side							920	2	11½
	New Tenor							989	19	1
	To an Order from Gov[r] Shirley to Moses Emerson Commissary at Albany for 14 barrels Gun Powder for which I paid the Hon[ble] John Osborn Esq[r]							157	10	—
	New Tenor							1147	9	1

Boston June 27th 1747
Errors Excepted
℘ John Stoddard

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WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July 20. 1747

Sir,

It being represented to me, that there is great Necessity that a strong Scout should constantly pass between Sarahtoga & Hoosuck, which may prevent the French & Indians from making Incursions upon upon the exposed Places on the West Side of Connecticut River, especially those that ly most to the Southward, which are a Barrier to the Colony of Connecticut, I do at the desire of his Majesty's Council of this Province desire that your Honour would order a Party of one hundred Men to be sent from your Governmnt, to be paid & subsisted at their Charge, to scout between the Fort at Sarahtoga and Massachusetts Fort & back, for a few Months in the Summer Season, or untill some Agreemt be made at the proposed Congress upon these Matters, and that they may have Provisions & other things needful for their Refreshment lodged at those Forts; and the Sd Scout may sometimes pass between Stockbridge & Hoosuck, which may also be of good Service. I have wrote pressingly to Governour Clinton recommending it also to him to order a Scout from his Province of the same Number of Men to do the same Duty by scouting between the two Forts abovemention'd. These two Parties of Men faithfully employed in this Service may be a sufficient Security for the Fronteer Towns between Connecticut River & Hudsons River; And as this Province is so grievously burthened & almost destroyed with the Expence of the War, & your Colony will hereafter feel all the ill Consequences of the Enemy's Acquisitions upon us especially on that Quarter, I doubt not but your Honour will see the Justice & good Policy of your Governmts undertaking this Service, and use your Influence that the thing be effected & that without delay.

As I can see no reasonable Prospect of Security to the Western Frontier from the continual Incroachmts and Devastations of the Enemy, without effecting the Reduction of the french Fort at Crown Point, I shall press it upon the

Assembly of this Province at their next Meeting the 12th of August in the strongest Terms to join forthwith in the most vigorous measures for making an effectual Attempt against it. This ought, nay it must be done at all Events, cost what it will, in order to drive the Enemy out of our Borders, to cover the Country against their present & future Incursions, and (which is a point that most nearly concerns the Honour, Justice, & more especially the Interests of the Colonies) to protect & support the Indians of the six Nations against the Hostilities & Resentmt of the French, wch they have provok'd by their faithfull Alliance to us, & taking Part in the War with us, depending in a particular manner upon our Promises to 'em to dispossess the Enemy of Crown Point. In the mean while I shall have it at heart to make all the Preparations for this necessary Enterprize that it is in my power to do before the Meeting of the Assembly, that this Province may be in as much readiness as may be, not only to join in it, but to promote & set it forward, & doubt not but your Honour will act the same Part in your Government, and concur with me in all prudent Measures to bring forward this Attempt in the most speedy & effectual manner.

I am Sir
Your Honour's
Obedient, Humble Servt
W SHIRLEY

The honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's July 24 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July 24th 1747

Sir,

As it appears to me by the latest Advices, I have received from Albany as well as, from what is contained in the New York Prints that there is the utmost Danger of a total Defection of all the six Nations from us to the French Interest, unless we do speedily & vigoursly join with them

in prosecuting an Expedition against the French for dislodging them from Crown Point, as well as from the Fort they have built much nearer to the English settlements, I have issued a Proclamation for summoning every member of the General Court of this Province to Attend the consultation, that will be had on that affair upon the 12th of August next; and as the least loss of time will greatly hazard the success of this Enterprize, if we should engage in it, I must intreat your Honour to have the Assembly of your Province sitting at or before that time, & lay before them the Danger there is of all his majesty's Northern Colonies being soon depopulated & Swallowed up by the Enemy; unless we now join with the Six Nation without Delay in pursuing the War against the Enemy. and I must pray your Honour to give me early advices of the measures your Government shall take in this Affair.

I am, Sir,
Your Honours most Obedient
and most humble Servant.
W. SHIRLEY.

The honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys July 26 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD July 28 1747

Sr

I acknowledge the favour of yours of the 24th Instant on Lords day 2 of the Clock P M. I forthwith advisd upon it with the Council near me when it was observd that althô your Excellency sais it appears to you by Advices from Albany and N York papers that there is the uttmost danger of a total Defection of the six Nations unless we speedily Joyn them to dislodge the ffrench out of their forts &c, That you do not say what those Advices were nor from whom and the N Y paper only sais We have advice That some Dep: of the six Nations &c of which the other N Y papers are silent, and that without doubt had ye Circum-

stances required it Govr Clinton would not have been silent, but would have apprizd me of it as he did of the Mutinies and asked for help. That nothing was offerd me to press the Assembly with, and it was feard That Dutch Men here were of the same Disposition with those in Europe who have appeard to regard nothing but their own private Interest till that was threatend and when they shall be sensible of it here we shall hear from them and could not therefore think it advisable for me to call an Assembly without further Information.

I remember the Council at N York were not for an Expedition against Crown Point on ye like Reasons with our Assembly (as Govr Clinton signifyd to me) and till I understand they are disposd that way, our people will be afraid least they should be exposd by ill minded persons as the British forces &c were att Sluys and Hulst some people there shewing their Resentments (as 'tis reported) att what has been about and above Albany.

At your Motion our Northern Com^{tee} have lately sent up 400 men into your Frontiers where ye people were more afraid of a famine than the Sword and by ye Advice of your Gentlemen were suddenly recalld

I should chearfully fall into any Measures with your Excellency for the Defence of our Countrey or the Anoyance of our Enemyes on any fair prospect, yet I am not disposed to act purely on an implicit faith and shall therefore alwayes expect to be informd of ye grounds of every proceeding wherein I have Assent and Dissent that I may Act on a solid foundation and then (according to my Ability) I would ever keep pace with your Excellency and remain

Your most humble and obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

P S 29th 10 o Clock A. M.

The N York Prints say Govr Clinton is returnd to N Y I dont find any dark thing from Albany and I have not a word from him Soldiers are brôt from Albany thô its feard least they should be sent back

J L

the Excellent W Shirley Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley July 28th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO JONATHAN BELCHER.

MILFORD Augst 14th 1747

Sr

These come to congratulate your safe arrival to the American Shoar cloathd with that Authority by which you may serve his Majty and some part of your native land, Neighbouring Provinces and in ℣ticular this Colony, from whence one half of you did descend and in which you are greatly interested specially in the hearts of the people whom you have served with the warmest Zeal and purest Integrity, thô the greatest Application may sometimes issue in Abortion. Yet not doubting of your good Offices in our favour wherever your Influences may reach, I conclude with sincere desires That your Situation may be Comfortable, Prosperous and Successfull to the highest Satisfaction of your own mind and of the people you have to govern, many of whom are Descendants from a new-English Stock, Adventuring to enroll my self among your most hearty well wishers

I Subscribe

Your most humble

obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

P S I should be very proud of some Correspondency with you

J L

his Excellency JONTH BELCHER Esqr

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[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Belcher Augst 14 1747

JABEZ HAMLIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDDLETOWN August 20th A D 1747

May It please yr Honr

I have Tho't it probable yr Honr might Appoint a Collector of ye Duty on Lumber &ca (Agreable to Act of May Last) at or Near This place; I Beg Leave to Recommend to yr Honrs Consideration for that Service Capt

Matthew Talcott of This Town who Is a Gentleman well Affected to the Law & Scheme ye Colony Is Come Into & who has Turn'd His Trade to Europe; & I Doubt not will be very Diligent and faithfull in ye Business He will wait on y^r Hon^r Shortly, I ask y^r Hon^rs Pardon for Intermedling in This Affair and Beg Leave To Subscribe my Self

Your Hon^rs most Obedient
Humble Servt
JABEZ HAMLIN

Honble JON^N LAW Esqr
[Superscribed To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr
In Milford
[Indorsed] Maj^r Hamblin

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON August 20th 1747.

Sir,

I send now to Inform your Honour that on the sixteenth Instant arrived here a Flag of Truce from Quebec with 171 English Prisoners belonging to this Province and divers other of His Majestys Colonies in North America, By which Ship I received a Letter from the Marquiss of Beauharnois Governour of Canada a Copy whereof I now inclose by perusing of which you will understand that I wrote to him a Letter dated the 18th of march last therein proposing a General Exchange of Prisoners without having a Regard to the inequality of Numbers on either side and that each Governour should bear the Charge of the Transportation of their own Prisoners, This I undertook (absolutely) only for my Self yet presuming that it would be acceptable to all the rest of the English Governours; and in Consequence of which the said Governour of Canada has now released all the English Prisoners with him except a few that were not in such Health as to allow them to be Transported without Danger & that the said Governour does fully Agree to my proposal, expecting that the other

Governours will also come into this Agreement desiring that I would let him know their Resolutions by the Return of this Flag of Truce which is limited to the term of fifteen days for his stay here which will Expire the last of this month; Therefore I must intreat your Honour to send me your answer upon these Points by this Express that I may forward it to the Governour of Canada agreeable to his desire expressed to me in his Letter, and as there are now and may be hereafter English Prisoners belonging to Great Britain and others Places at a Distance from these Provinces brought in by the Flags of Truce, it will be expected that your Government will bear their part of this Charge so it may not be wholly thrown upon this, and I must further desire that you would appoint some agent here who may from time to time answer for the Charge of the English Prisoners of your Province that may be Released from Captivity in Pursuance of this agreement and brought in hither. and as there are now brought in this Flag of Truce Three Prisoners that you wou'd pleas'd to take such measures that in proportion to the Number aforesaid your Province may bear their part of the Charge of this Flag of Truce You will also send me your answer respecting the Governour of Canada's proposal as to the Purchasing Prisoners out of the Indians hands, I have likewise Enclos'd a Copy of the Agreement made for the Hire of this Flag of Truce which you will find to be 10,000 Livres

I am Sir

Your Honours most Obedient
and most humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's Letter rec^d August 23 1747 and Copy of answer on 26th

LIST OF PRISONERS RETURNED.

A List of Prisoners belonging to the Colony of Connecticutt returned to Boston in the Flag of Truce from

Quebec Augst 16, 1747.

Peter Harris
Eddy Trapp
Hugh Bradford
Extract
Examined ℣ J. Willard Secry

RECORDS OF COMPTROLLER OF THE MARINE.

Extract from the Registers Kept at the Office of the Comptroller of the Marine at Quebec.

This Day being the 26th of July One thousand seven hundred and forty seven We Gilles Hocquart Chevalier, Kings Counsellor Intendant of Justice Police & the finances in New France, in Presence of Monsr Varin Commissary and Comptroller of the Marine in this Country have made with the Sr Amiot Factor for the Sieur Sumbrun Merchant at Rochelles, Owner of the Ship the Vierge de Grace of the Burthen of two hundred Tons, the Sieur Larregny Captn the Agreement & Conditions following Viz:

first

The Sieur Amiot Obliges himself to furnish the King with the Ship the Virgin of Grace with her Tackle, Apparel, Crew of Provisions to Transport as many English Prisoners as she can from this Road to Boston on the Coast of New England.

2^{d} Art:

That his Majesty shall be Obliged to put nothing else on Board but the necessary Provisions for the said Prisoners during their Passage.

3^{d} Art.

If there be at said Boston any french Prisoners, and an Exchange be made of them, The Capt of the said Ship shall take them on board without Difficulty By the permission and Orders of Mr Shirley Governour of said Boston, to bring them to Quebec.

4th Art:

The Capt of said Ship shall not be Obliged to tarry above fifteen Days to make the said Exchange at Boston.

5th Art:

There shall be pay'd in Moneys of his Majesty in form of Freight to the said Sr Amiot for the Voyage from hence to Boston, and from said Place to this Port the Sum of ten thousand Livers.

6th Art:

In Case of the entire Loss of said Ship by being cast away or otherwise, His Majesty over & above the ten thousand Livers freight, shall be Obliged to cause to be paid to said Amiot in said Name, the Sum of Eighteen thousand Livers to make good all Damages.

7th Art:

If from any unforeseen Reasons, said Ship be detained by force at sd Boston, so that she cannot return to Quebec this Year, and have the benefit of a Freight which she may make, and of which she is Assured, there shall be paid in Moneys of his Majesty twenty thousand Livers to make good the Loss of said Freight.

8th Act:

The Sr Amiot shall be obliged to pay 4 Deniers ℔ Liv: for the use of the Invalides of the Marine upon the Payments made him.

9th & last Article.

All the said Conditions have been accepted by us the Intendant aforesaid, In Presence as above and by the said Sr Amiot in said Name, who has Subjected himself thereunto, as for the Proper Moneys & Affairs of his Majesty. done at Quebec the Day & Year above.

Sign'd AMIOT HOCQUART
and VARIN

a Copy VARIN

Seen BEAUHARNOIS

Copy Attest

J Willard Secry

[Indorsed] Extract of ye Registers Office of Marines att Quebec

MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

QUEBEC July 26. 1747.

Sir

I receiv'd the Letter you did me the Honour to send me of May 18th & which was delivered me by the Sieur La Groix formerly a Prisoner of War at Boston but releas'd by you.

I must freely confess Sr I expected to have receiv'd at least in the Spring of the last year an answer from you to the proposals made by me for the Exchange of the English Prisoners which I then had at Quebec for as many french Prisoners as I presum'd you had at Boston, I concluded afterwards that the Delay this met with from you could proceed from nothing but the circumstances of the times, this you are pleas'd to explain to me, and I am sensible Sr as I ought to be, of all the obliging things you say on this Occasion, & which regard me personally

The Sieur la Groix by his services & good Qualities merited some Distinction from me, but I cannot but disapprove his having broke his Parole, as you assure me he had done, He can blame no body but himself that he was put under a more close confinement, I am not the less obliged to you for your goodness to him on my account, this particular he has not failed to inform me of. It is from you only Sr that I have learnt most of the Facts relating to the French Prisoners carried into Boston since the War, and the Returns you made of them either to France or to Louisbourg before the taking of that Place. I must believe that upon the Advices you sent of it, our French men have serv'd to Exchange so many of the English, and that there is a just compensation made between the two Nations; you are not at all the less generous for this, and if I had an opportunity to let you know my sentiments I assure you you should not have Surpass'd me.

Before the Receipt of your last Letter I had propos'd to send to France the Prisoners belonging as well to Old as New England and which are here at my Disposal, as I saw no means nor could imagine any other way for their

Return to their own Country & Families, In the mean time I must observe to you that in the Autumn of the year 1745 I sent to France at their own Request about ten or twelve, and I had then hopes that the Spring following you would send to Quebec the Prisoners belonging to Canada, In consequence whereof I wrote to France, that those Prisoners might be sent to England without Ranson, I sent likewise the last year about the same number to Martineco to go from thence to the English Colonies & from thence to their own homes I understood this Spring that several of them had in Fact returned to their Families. You will easily judge from this Detail that it was not owing to me that the poor unhappy People whom I now send away were Released no sooner. Particular reasons relating to the Service of the King my master have not permitted me to allow them during their Abode here the Liberty of going abroad in the Country But in Lieu of this I caus'd particular care to be taken of them, The House they were put into contained a great Number of Rooms serving formerly for Soldiers Lodgings enclosed in a large Yard, where they might give themselves as much Exercise as they thought proper, This Building was Consumed by Fire the 7th of last may not without some suspicion of being set on Fire on purpose by some of the Prisoners. It is certain the circumstances of that accident gave Reason to conclude that all were not innocent of the Crime laid to their Charge, the thing was carried no farther But to avoid for the future the like inconveniences, & being also invited by the fineness of the season, I caus'd a convenient camp to be laid out for them of a sufficient extent where they have abode since that time I have to add that the Epidemical sickness which has prevailed among them, & which they brought among us from Louisbourg & which has likewise made some progress in the Colony would have made a greater Devastation without the Succours of all kinds which were abundantly furnished the Prisoners in the Hospital that I caus'd to be provided on Purpose, as soon as I was inform'd the sickness began to spread, nothing was spared that was necessary for the

health of all of them, happily the sickness appears to have intirely ceas'd.

You will permit not to discuss the motives you laid down for the foundation of a cartel to be setled between us for a general Exchange of Prisoners belonging to your Government and this I Subscribe to it & come into it with Pleasure, I speak only of the Prisoners belonging to your Government not knowing yet whether the Governours of the other Provinces, to whom you should write forthwith, will be of the same sentiments with you. In the mean time as you are pleas'd to observe to me that you do not doubt but they are so, I design to send you by the same Flag of Truce the greatest part of the Prisoners belonging to New York, Pensilvania & others that are here at my Disposal, & will hereafter take the most convenient measures with the Governours of those Provinces for the mutual benefit of both the Nations, I shall send with this Letter a List of the Prisoners which are to embark as soon as may be on board the Ship la Vierge de Grace fitted out by my order as a Flag of Truce, you will have also annexed a Copy of the agreement made with the Captain for their Passage to Boston, & they will be delivered to your order, I see Sr you consent to pay the Expence of this Transport for those only which belong to your Government, This is just, I likewise on my part will in the same manner pay for transporting the French Prisoners from Boston to this place and I suppose you will send me them by the same Flag of Truce if you have any.

The Governours of other Colonies will not fail of answering the Letters which you shall write them, I depend upon it you will be so good as to Favour me with their answers by the Return of the same Flag of Truce. These Gentlemen must be the better able to Judge of my good Intentions as I begin by sending back the Prisoners belonging to their respective Governments, In Confidence however that upon what you shall have wrote to them they will have sent you the Canada Prisoners to the Number of 35 or 40 which have been taken in different quarters of the Govern-

ment of Montreal in the year past by mix'd Partys of English, Dutch & Indians. Monsr de la Boularderie has informed me of all your Goodness to him, and that you released him without any Conditions, unhappily for this Officer he had not provided himself with a Certificate from you to Verify his being free I have the Honour to inform you by the way that this want of Precaution occasioned Monsr the Count de maurepas to look upon him as one that was released upon his Parole of Honour, and whatever assurances he gave that he was at Liberty to enter into the Service again he was refused till last Spring when he Obtained a Permission to Return to this Country where he is employed as a Captn in the Kings Troops.

You will observe S^{r} that in the Agreement made with the owner of the Ship la Vierge de Grace Art 6 & 7 there are no more than 15 days allowed him for his Stay at Boston, I pray you not to detain him a longer time tho there should remain after that some French Prisoners scattered about in your Province, who could not be got in by you, otherwise Captn Larreguy may be in Danger of not returning to Quebec this year, where he has a freight engaged & a Penalty Stipulated of 20 m^{ll}. The 16th of this month I receiv'd a Letter from Mr Knowles dated at Annapolis Royal May 27 O. S. in which he proposes to me to send to him by a Flag of Truce not only several Soldiers taken Prisoners at the Island of St Johns but likewise such other Prisoners as I shall judge proper at the Charge of a Ransom, or else to settle a mutual Exchange of Prisoners. In Consequence of this I am fitting out another Flag of Truce to send to him the said Soldiers & the Crews of some Vessells taken last year by our Ships, to the Number of 80 Persons.

The Distribution of all these Prisoners in the two Flags of Truce shall be such S^{r} as I shall think the most Convenient both for you & Mr Knowles as well as for the Prisoners themselves.

I have been informed lately that it has been insinuated to the People of Boston that the Prisoners have been very ill treated here I can Assure you that nothing has been

wanting that was necessary for them, and there was a particular Regard had to those who were in any Degree of Office, But in the Number of both the one and the other there were several turbulent Spirits that the most kind treatment could never Content.

I wish it were in my Power intirely to eradicate from the hearts of the Indians that Barbarity which seems to be innate to the most of them, and to arrive at this I have, when they have come to ask my Leave to go to War, given them as far as I could Officers that were Canadeans, whom I ordered to Protect the Prisoners against all Kinds of Insult, I have done more touch'd with the unhappiness of those who have fallen into the hands of the Indians I have bought several of them at the Charge of the King, as many as I could get out of their hands, but I could not Conquer the Obstinacy of some of them to keep their Prisoners, you know how greedy they are of having men either to make them their Slaves or to increase their Families by them into which they adopt them.

So soon as there is Peace (which all of us ought to desire) I shant be wanting to facilitate the Negotiations which shall be entered into to engage the Indians to deliver them all up. The Knowledge you have of all that Past of this Nature in the Antient Warrs presents you a Picture very different from every thing that has happened hitherto in this. And I depend upon your doing me the Justice of having at least considerably lessened those Acts of Inhumanity, If I have not been able to abolish them entirely, But I cannot conceal from you that the Price set in several Governments of N, England of 5£ upon a Scalp & 20£ for a Prisoner, as I have seen it in some English Letters that have fallen into my hands is an evident Proof that every Body does not in this affair think in such a Christianlike manner as you do. And I hope your advice will Prevail to abolish in those Governments such Dispositions as all Christian Princes and their Subjects ought as you observe to have in Obhorence

It cant appear to me to be just that the King should be at the Expence of what has been laid out by his majesty, as well at Quebec as at montreal and elsewhere to recover the Prisoners that were fallen into the hands of the Indians, I have not been able yet to Collect all these Charges I will do it out of hand. Be so good as to let me know your Intentions thereupon, & whether you understand the Governmt of N England will come into it. I should think it equally necessary for the good of ye Subjects of both Crowns, It will be a Service to me to be informed of your Sentiments & of those of the Governours of the other Provinces upon this Article, to the End that knowing what I may depend upon, I may from thence Regulate my own Conduct.

I am with all Possible Respect Sr
Your most humble and
most Obedt Servant
BEAUHARNOIS

Copy Attest J. Willard Secry

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of Beauharnois's Letter Govr of Canada

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Milford Augst 26th 1747

Sr

On the 23d Instant by an Express I recd your Paquett. Yesterday att N Haven I calld the Council and laid before them the several Articles you proposd and they readily consented That I should draw an Order on the Treasurer for money to answer ye Charge of transporting the three Prisoners belonging to this Colony, so soon as you shall inform me of the Sum̄ it amounts to in our Currency. thô they think it might save trouble to discount the money due to us for the Provisions We have at your desire, furnisht you with in your Western Frontiers

As also for Reimbursing the Govr of Canada, in ransoming any Prisoners belonging to us which may fall into the hands of the Indians or that now are in Captivity with them, thô we know not of any one person that is so

Likewise they chearfully complyd with the Marquis in the Article relating to the releasing Prisoners without Ransome or Regard to number of persons and each ones bearing ye charge of their own people's Transportation.

But as to our bearing any part of the Charge of transporting any belonging to the other Countreys or places and appointing an Agent att Boston, they would referr to the Consideration of the Assembly those two Articles not being delegated to me & the Council by ye Act of the Assembly

As for the giving Premiums for humane Scalps or any other Creatures not equally mischievous to a Wolf I must look upon to be unchristian, inhumane and barbarous with as great an Odium and Abhorrence as the good Marquis or any other Gentleman dos or can doe

I Subscribe Your Excellencies
most humble obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

W Shirley Esqr Govr

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.*

London 26th Augt 1747

Sir

Since the foregoing Copy of my Last I am favoured with your Honrs Letter of the 20th Feby accompanying an Address to his Majesty upon the Success of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland against the Scotch Rebels which agreeable to your Honrs directions have Delivered to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle. I have also received the Assembly's order for receiving a Reimbursement of the Charges you were at in the Reduction of Cape Breton, and observe your having sent to my Correspondents at Boston £250 granted me in May last. I am in daily expectation of a Summons to attend the Lords of the Treasury in pursuance to the order of Council which impowers them to Liquidate the Accots of Disbursements in the Expedition

* This is preceeded by a copy of his letter to Law dated June 4.

against Cape Breton, and shall timely advise your Hon^{r} of their Lordships proceedings thereupon

Meeting with great Difficulty in my Applications to the Ministry in behalf of the Forces raised for the Canada Expedition I have presented a petition to his Majesty thereupon a Copy of which you have inclosed, and shall from time to Time acquaint you with the Steps that are taken in Consequence thereof

In the mean time I remain S^{r}

Your Hon^{rs} & the Colony's Most
Obed^{t} Humble Servant
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Septr 4th 1747

Sir

After I was Informed That the Commissioners, from the Massachusetts, were on their Journey to New York, to meet with Commiss^{rs} from the other Governm^{ts} to Treat about Measures for Carrying on the present Warr, it lay on my mind with Some concern least the Commissioners, appointed by the General Assembly in this Colony would meet with blame if they did not upon notice of it proceed on the Same Design agreable to their appointment, & at length it appeared That the matter did very much affect the minds of most persons of Consequence this way, & many of them Signifyed to me in writing, their Ernest desires that the Commiss^{rs} would as Soon as possible proceed on their way to New York; Upon This I advised with all the Gentlemen of the Councell in Town, (There being Seven present) about the affair, and it was the prevailing opinion That The Commss^{rs} or Two of them at least Should go forward & Joyn the other Commiss^{rs} at N York & that a neglect Thereof might probably be Detrimentall to the Publick Interest & occasion matter of very great Uneasiness among the people, & that I Should advise Your Honour hereof & That a proper Commiss^{n} (if Your Hon^{r} please) be

prepared for the purpose aforsd. I find The act of assembly does Enable any two of the Commissrs to Engage in the affair, & Therefore the Journey being long & So Suddenly to be undertaken and the business I am now Engaged in requiring my attendance am not able to Say whether I Shall go my Self hope Col. Hall will proceed with Mr Fitch if I Should not. I hope Your Honour will Excuse this Trouble and believe that I am Your Most Obedt

Humble Sert

R WOLCOTT

Govr Law.

[Indorsed] D Govr Wolcotts recd Septbr 5–1747

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Milford Septembr ye 5th 1747

Sr

Yours of yesterday I just now Receivd by an Express Mr Wells told me that you Said you had forgott ye meeting propos'd for ye Comrs I Said I had not forgotten it but Concluded it was droppd by the Scheems Since projected as it was the Last year Goverr Shirley never giveing me the Least hint yrof, Since his proposal in July last thô I had recivd divers Letters from him about different measures. I Said to him I would immediately Send to our Comrs Could I learn any prospect of a meeting of ye Comrs from other Provinces, he told me yt Coll Wendall(?) said N. York had appointed Comrs & he said he had been informd that President Hamblington Said he would lay it before yr Assembly and (think) he told me of another Viz: of Pensilvania. I said if other Comrs Should not Come it would be lost labour, to which he Replyd, those which did meet would Complain to his Majesty & Parliment to Send a vice Roy to Compel them I told him that was not in the proposal neither would our people be willing to come under ye Govt of a vice Roy however I desired he would give me notice of any prospect of ye Coming of ye Comrs and I would Immediately Send to ours and desird he would Inform Coll Fitch that I would

Speak with him Concluded he would meet him on ye Road

The Collr Did Come on his Information and Said mr Wells would Send me word by ye Comn Post or by an Express if any likelyhood Should appear of a meeting, and advisd I Should defer it till further Informd and with ye Comon Post Came a gentlemen from Merryland who Informd me none were Coming from thence neither Could he Learn that any thing was doing of that kind in any of ye Govts in his way nor Even at N York thô he thought Such a meeting might do well, and ye Last night mr Sessions told me he came yesterday from N. York and ye Massechusetts Comrs were there and yt ye Gentlemen of ye Town paid yr Complemts to them and Enquird the occasion of yr Coming &c: but had no authority to treet with them & as he understood the matter no Comrs were appointed there. As Soon as I Shall Receive ye Least hint from mr Wells yt there is any Prospect of a meeting to any purpose Except the praying for a Vice Roy I will immediately Send to our Comrs or if they think it for ye Publick advantage to proceed under ye Circumstances I have related I will not hinder you

I Subscribe

Your humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

[ ]ble Roger Wolcott Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of Letter to Roger Wolcott Esqr D Govr Septbr 5 1747

THOMAS HILL TO JONATHAN LAW.

Fairfield Sepr 15th 1747

Most Honoured

I see by ye act of ye Genll Assembly in may Last Respecting Goods &c brought into this Colony from any of ye Neighbouring Governments are to pay a Duty of five pr Cent, & Seven & half pr Cent for Goods Imported &c and that your Honour Is fully Impowered to appoint and authorize Collectors for that purpose, and if your Honour has not appointed any Collector or Collectors for this County

I Should Estem it as a favour if yor Honour would be so Good as to appoint & Impower me To be one of ye Collectors in this County for ye Said purpose, I believe I am at present under as Good advantages to Collect ye Dutys as any person in ye County by Reason all vessells y^t Goe & Come from Newyork are obliged to Enter & Clear with me, and therefore I Shall ye Easeyer be able to find out what Goods are brought into ye Colony, & what Lumber is Carried out I sopose ye profit will not be Great but as I Enter & Clear vessells I think I Can Collect ye Dutys with more Ease than any person Else here Can Doe it, & more Likly to find ye Goods Imported &c

Honoured Sr Yo^r Grant of my Request will very much oblige yor Hon^rs most obedient Hum^le Servt To Com^d

THO HILL

[Superscribed] Post paid 2 To The Honourable Jon^th Law Esqr at Milford These

[Indorsed] Capt Hill 7b^r 16 1747

JOHN READ TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Boston 21 Septr 1747

S^r

Not long Since I wrote Col. Allen A Salutation, Including a letter directed to Col. Allen Junr, meaning the Col. Eldest Son Supposing him to be the fellow chainman with Mr Rust of Northampton at the Survey of my 10,000 Acres of Equivalent lands made by Col. Allen Genl Woolcot & Maj^r Pomroy at Swift river in April 1716. And desiring him to procure the Same Compass & Chain by which that first Survey was made, Advise me of the day he would meet me there to resurvey it a month before hand; that I might get the Same Mr Rust & Capt William Chandler of Thompson Parish to Join with him in that Survey. I Inclosed with these letters a Copy of my Original Survey, & a Survey lately made thereof by Col. Tim^o Dwight & his brother Nathl with my Observations thereon. I have had no Answer nor can learn whether they ever came to hand

which gives me Some Concern, Considering they Seem to be all dead & I can have no Intelligence nor letters from your parts.

I beg the favour of you to see Col. Allen, know if he recd my letters, that Sons name, if I can have that Compass & Chain, if the Col. hath any minutes of that Survey, what allowance he usually made & then made in that Survey; (which I Suppose was one rod in twenty as the difference between rough measure in the rough woods & plain Just measure). Know what will be agreeable Satisfaction by the day to that Son of ye Col's who was the former Chainman to bring that Compass & Chain & his fathers Instructions to meet me with those other men I intended, And assist them to run my lines Exactly upon his Oath as near as possible to the Original Survey; or if any other of the Col. Sons useth his Compass & may therefore be Supposed with his fathers & brothers instructions to do it better let him be the man. Capt William Chandler is a most noted surveyor among us, I will have him & his instruments also, both Instruments shall be used to observe their difference, but the Colls shall be followed & all shall be put in the best trim & good Order, I would have the Same Chainmen Carry the Chain as did before, the more Certainly to find the ancient bound marks if possible or come the Nearest to the places where they were. & my reasons are several, one viz that the Dwights made one line 86½ rod long in my presence as(?) the way up Swift river hill with Several Steep & long descents besides logs & rocks in the way, the chainmen putting their hands to the ground at the putting down & taking up of every rod, that was their measure, & Wm Blogget of Brimfield before that had measured that line & told me it was but 80 rod. Now let Mr Allen Set me his day with time enough to provide the other two & I will meet him. pray do me this kindness & Command me all my life after

Yr humble Servt
JNO READ

[Superscribed] To the Honourable Major Genl Roger Woolcot Esqr Deputy Governour of Connecticut

[Indorsed] Mr Read 1747

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Several Governments of the Massachusets Bay Newyork and Connecticut, at the City of New York, in order to concert and Agree upon some general Measures for carrying on the war against the common Enemy and for the Mutual defence and Security of his Majestys British Provinces and Colonys on ye Continent in North America, it is Judged after Mature consideration had of the present distressing circumstances of these three Colonys and thereupon the said Commissioners agree to Report to their Respective Constituants that they Unanimously are of opinion —

1 That an Expedition be formed and carryed on against ye French Fort at Crown Point for the Reduction of that Fortress.

2 That it will be necessary that four thousand men (officers included) be raised (with as many of ye Six Nations of Indians and their allies as can be Obtained) to carry on the Said Expedition, and that it will be Necessary those troops be at Albany by the fifteenth of April Next Ready to March for the aforesaid purpose.

3 That as the Engaging the six Nations and their Allies in this and other Services against the Common Enemy, is of great importance to the British Governments, it is Judged Necessary that such of ye Indians as shall Engage in the said Expedition and go into the Service be Equipt Each with necessarys to ye value of five pounds New York currancy, and be assured of a present of ye like value on their Return in case of Success.

4 That as a further means of Securing and Engaging the said Indians in the Service of the English and to prevent their being Seduced to Revolt to ye French, it is agreed that it be proposed to Each of ye said Governments that a Gunsmith be Sent to Each of ye Tribes following viz: the Oniades, Onandagas, Cayugas, and Senecas, and two men with Each Gunsmith to continue with them untill the Next Spring and that ye said persons be instructed to be as oblidging as may be to ye Indians with whom they live and

converse and do all in their power to Establish and increase ye interest of ye English with them and from time to time Advise ye Governments of any thing they Shall observe Necessary or that ye Indians may want or desire to be done for y^t purpose and that there be purchased Sutable goods to ye value of three hundred and Sixty pounds Newyork currancy to be put into the hands of said Smiths (or of one of ye men who go with them Respectively) to be given to the Several Nations aforesaid (Except Sixty pounds thereof to be put into the hands of Some Sutable person for the Mohawks) to be Distributed as follows viz. one hundred and twenty pounds to the Senecas, Sixty pounds to the Oniades & Tuscarora's, Sixty pounds to the Cayuga's, and Sixty pounds to ye Onandaga's and that ye Several persons Render an account upon Oath of ye Disposition of ye Said goods to ye Respective Governments and that ye Charges of ye Said Smiths and others attending them as also ye Said three hundred and Sixty pounds be born and paid in the proportion following viz. the Massachusets Pay Nine twentyeth parts, New York Eight twentyeths and Connecticut three twentyeths, but these proportions not to be drawn into precedent upon any other occasion hereafter.

5 That (besides what Governour Clinton has Assured the Commissioners Shall be Supplyed gratis of ye battoes cannon and warlike Stores and implements in the Province of Newyork provided at his Majestys Expence) the General and common Expence Necessary for Engaging and Rewarding the Indians paying the officers of ye Train of artiliry and for ye Common Store of Shot gun powder and other Military preparations Necessary for ye common Service be provided by and at the Charge of ye Governments Engaging in this Service and that the proportions and Quota's of the Governments for these Services as well as ye keeping and Supporting the Garrison (if Reduced) until his Majesty's pleasure be known be as above mentioned & that whatsoever part or proportion either of men or money any other Governments Shall undertake to bear and furnish Shall lessen the parts of these three Govern-

ments according to the aforesaid proportion and that ye Legislatures of Each Government Engaging in this Enterprize Raise Equip provide for Subsist and pay their own troops as also appoint Commissarys to take care of their own Stores. Saving that the Government of Newyork be not oblidged to raise above twelve hundred men the Massachusets Commissioners agreeing to propose to their Constituants to Raise four hundred men to compleat ye proportion of Newyork the officers to be Commissioned by ye Governour of ye Said Government undertaking to provide the Same and both officers and Souldiers of Said four hundred men to Receive ye Same bounty wages Subsistance and Every other thing from ye Government of Newyork which Shall be given or paid by Said Government of Newyork to a like proportion of the twelve hundred men they Shall raise for said Expedition.

6. That the Governours of ye Massachusets bay Newyork and Connecticut be desired to appoint and Commission the three General Officers for the Said Expedition.

7. That Each Government appoint a Committee of one or more persons to Meet at Middletown in Connecticut on the Eleventh day of December Next or as Soon after as may be in order to Determine and ascertain the particulars Necessary to be provided at ye Common Charge of ye Governments and also to agree what particular Sorts or Species of ye Said particulars Each Government Shall undertake to provide having Regard to Said proportion.

8 That ye Commissioners here present having made Report to their Respective Constituants of what measures are hereby agreed upon the Governours of ye Massachusets bay Newyork and Connecticut be Desired by ye Respective Assemblys of these Governments to apply to ye Governours of the Several other Provinces and Colonys from Virginia to New Hampshire inclusive to recommend it to their Several assemblys fully to Joyn according and in proportion to their ability in this common undertaking against his Majestys Enemys and to unite with these

Governments in the Mutual Defence and Security of his Majestys Colonys on the Continent in North America; and particularly Desiring them to Send their committee to Meet at Middletown aforesd to Engage in this undertaking and to agree upon what part they Respectively will provide of Men Money and Common Stores necessary for the Engaging and Encouraging the Indians and for ye Carrying on ye Said Expedition also Requesting as Speedy an Answer as may be to ye Governours of these Governments Respectively of what their Several Governments will undertake in this important Enterprize.

9 That in the mean time while ye preparations are making for ye proposed Expedition application be made to his Majesty by ye Legislatures of Each of these Governments for Such a Naval force as may be sufficient to go up ye River Saint Lawrance and either divert or Subdue that part of ye Country and in case of an assurance of a Sufficiency to command the river and attack ye fortresses there and that it be his Majestys pleasure the Expedition be carryed on against Canada that then ye preparations and Necessarys designed more immediately for an Expedition against Crown Point be imployed and carryed on against Canada for the Reduction of the same with Such additional force as can be raised; and in that case that application at ye Same time be made as aforesaid that ye Quotas of the Several Governments be Setled and that those who are deficient be injoined to furnish the Same.

10 That in case the other Governments who have not Sent their Commissioners to this meeting to Concert measures for ye common good of his Majestys Subjects Shall after application made to them as before proposed and Notice of these conclusions and approbation thereof by these Governments Shall neglect or refuse to Joyn them in these important affairs for ye mutual defence and Security of his Majestys Subjects and interest that then application be made as aforesaid for ye Royal injunctions to be laid on ye several deficient Governments to furnish and provide their proportion and Quotas of Men & Money necessary for

ye future general defence and Security of his Majestys Colonys and for ye Carrying on any proper Scheem for ye Annoyance of ye common Enemy.

11 That in case the proposed Expedition against Crown Point only go forward and no Ships of war are Sent by his Majesty to go up the River St Lawrance for ye purpose aforesaid then a Diversion be made up said River with what vessels can be obtained from the several Governments at ye charge of ye said Governments and in conjunction with such of his Majestys Ships of war as can be procured at Lewisburgh or elsewhere and that a diversion by land be made by the direction and under the conduct of ye general officers by such of ye forces of Christians and Indians as Shall by said officers on proper encouragement be Sent out for y^t purpose.

12 That the vessels goods Stores and other things sent or that shall go thrô any part of the Government of Newyork for the forces imployed in the aforementioned and proposed Service or in garrisoning the said Fortress be free and exempt from all toll tribute custom and duty that is or might be imposed on Such Materials by virtue of any act of ye Government of Newyork.

13 That if it Shall happen that the proposed Expeditions Shall neither of them be carryed on the Next year or if by reason of any other Events it shall be found Necessary for the defence of his Majestys Subjects and annoying the Enemy to Send out and Maintain Scouts or Rangers that then the Governments of ye Massachusets bay Newyork and Connecticut send out on proper encouragement such a number of men respectively as they Shall Judge a proportion for them in order to defend the borders of the Exposed Settlements and to annoy and distress the French and Enemy Indians in their Settlements, and in this Service to Joyn with such of ye Six Nations of Indians and their allies as will go on that design. and that ye other Governments of New Jersey Pensilvania Mary Land Virginia New Hampshire and Rhoad Island be applyed to, to furnish provide and bear their proportion in men Money or other Necessarys for the

encouragement and Support of Such Scouts or Rangers and that Each Government providing and sending out such Scouts or Rangers Receive the benefit of such money or other necessarys as Shall be afforded by the other Governments not sending men, in proportion to the number of men they shall Respectively imploy in said Service.

14 That in case any attack or invasion Shall be made by the Enemy on any one or more of his Majestys Governments and application be made to any other Government for assistance that ye Same be Speedily afforded according to the necessity and Circumstances of the case; the Subsistance only being provided by and at the Charge of the Government Requesting and receiving Such Succors. And if either of the Governments receive any intelligence of an Enemy approaching either by Sea or Land who may indanger any one or more of the other Governments that they give them the earliest Notice possible thereof by Express.

15 That the Legislatures of these three Colonys be Desired to Determine upon this agreement with all the dispatch possible and when done that each Government do signify the same to the others as soon as may be.

16 The Large numbers of men and great charges consequent thereupon as above have been come into by the Commissioners, by reason of the Distressing Circumstances of these Governments, Notwithstanding the full perswasion of the Commissioners that these burdens must be beyond the ability of said Governments if continued, they being almost constantly harrassed by invasions or incursions in their borders from the French and their Indians for Near five hundred miles an End and many of their Settlements already broken up and destroyed and divers others in the most imminent danger the case being Such that if these Governments do not lay these heavy burdens on themselves (under which, if they are not relieved, they must Sink) they must be much Sooner destroyed by their inhuman Enemys abovesaid who are exceedingly Supported Spirited and advantaged by the abovesaid Crown Point Fort. The

Commissioners being Sensible that it is as truly unreasonable and Destructive to these Governments to Supply all the men and Money Necessary to defend his Majestys Subjects and interest in North america as it would be for a Small part of ye Nation to be at ye Expence of Defending the whole There being diverse more wealthy and populous Governments than we are who have been and are defended by us and therefore in all reason ought to bear their proportion of the common defence both with men and Money.

17 The above articles we agree to recommend to and in all proper ways to Endeavour they may be ratifyed by the Governments to which we respectively belong none of which Shall be obligatory on any of the three Governments but Such as Shall be ratifyed by all. In Testimony whereof we have Signed triplicates of these presents at ye City of Newyork this twenty Eighth day of September in the twenty first year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second of great Britain France and Ireland King &c, Annoque Domini, one thousand Seven hundred and fourty Seven

SAMUELL WELLES ROBT^T^ HALE OL^R^ PARTRIDGE	Massachusetts Com^rs^
PH. LIVINGSTON JOS: MURRAY W: NICOLL PHILIP VERPLANCK HEN CRUGER	New York Comis^rs^
THO^S^ FITCH BENJ^N^ HALL	Connecticut Commissioners*

In ye Lower house
The foregoing Report read Approved
& Accepted
Test JN^O^ FOWLER Clerk
Gen^ll^ Assembly Octr 1747

*A copy of this report, without the Assembly's action upon it, is in Law Papers I, 387.

In the upper House
The aforegoing Report of the Commissioners being read, the same is accepted and approved
Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secretᵧ

[Indorsed] Commissʳˢ Report Octʳ 1747 p: l: h
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WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON October 21. 1747

Sir,

At the request of the General Assembly of this Province, I must desire your Honour to assist us in the Defence of our Western Frontiers, by ordering fifty Men to be drawn out of the Militia of your Colony, or otherwise as you shall judge fit, to be posted at the Towns of Deerfield & Northfield for their Security; As your Governmᵗ has always manifested a Readiness to help us in the Defence of that Frontier, which is a Barrier to Connecticut, I can make no doubt of your readiness to assist us in this Matter. I also desire that if you shall send the fifty Men for this Service, that you would direct the Commanding Officer to take his Orders from Colᵒ Stoddard.

I am Sir,
Your Honours most humble
and most obedient Servant
W SHIRLEY

The honᵇˡᵉ JONATHAN LAW Esqʳ

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Nᵀᴴ HAMPTON Octᵇʳ 26–1747

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I Recᵛᵈ a Letter from Govᵛʳ Shirley to Govᵛʳ Law which I am directed to send to you by Express Our Govᵛᵗ proposeth the sending of fifty men from Connecᶜᵗ for the Defence of Deerfᵢᵈ and Nᵗʰfield and Orders me to write

to your Hon^{r} about it. I can only say that I look on those two Towns more Exposed to be Attacked by the Enemy than all the Towns in New England, (Especially in the Winter Season) and our Government (as I apprehend) do unreasonably neglect them, and our Assembly have Ordered no men there, but do depend on Connec^{ts} sending fifty men thither, which I can't think a number Sufficient. Our Prisoners returned from Canada Inform us that there was a large Army from Canada designed against one of those places at the time when the Smoaks were Seen, and that they came very near, but their Scouts Informed them that those parts were full of men which discouraged them so that they returned without attempting any thing. and I may ad that Connec^{t} has not been much burthened of late with the Charge of Defending the frontiers, and I can't but think you will readily comply with such a proposal, which may be a great Encouragement to the People in Case the men are put under good Officers, and be not drawn off before their places are Supplyed. which may make the Remedy worse than the Disease.

Our Assembly have Ordered 30 men to fort Massachusetts, 30 to N° 4, 15 to each of the other Block Houses and some to Several other places which in the whole amount to one Hundred and fourty one, besides between 3 and 400 men in the Eastern Country.

on fryday was Sev' night Capt^{t} Allexander with 15 men was coming from Aschuelot, and on the borders of Winchester, he (being a little before the rest) met a french man who he Shot in his brest, they led him a few rods in which he fell down divers times at length they left him dying as they and he supposed, his Indians came soon after and carry^{d} him to a small distance and left him, but he recruited and Saturday last he came into Northfield, and 'tis thought probable that he may recover. on Wednesday last John Smeed (lately come out of Captivity) was killed by Millers River, and on Thursday Jonathan Sartle having Crossed the River from Mr Hinsdals fort, was (as is Supposed) taken by thirty or fourty of the Enemy who burnt Capt Bridg-

mans House and Barn at Cold Spring, which had for some time been Deserted.

I am your Hon^{rs} most Humble Obedient Servant

JOHN STODDARD

Gov^{nr} WOLCOTT

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

NEW HAVEN Octob^{r} 28th 1747

Sr

On the Motion of ye Inhabitants of ye Towns of Woodstock Suffield Enfield and Summers Made to our Assembly the inclosed Resolve* was come into which as I am therein Desired I herewith transmit the Same to you, and must accordingly Desire your Excellency to Lay the Same before your Assembly for their Consideration that Justice may be Done in that the Matters of Complaint contained in their Motion to this Government and hope those affairs may be Setled in ye best and most amicable manner, I am S^{r} with great Respect your Excellencys most obedient Humble Servant.

J. L.

His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY Esqr

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[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley Oct^{br} 28 1747

*The Resolve stated that these towns were within the limits of Connecticut, but by an agreement made in 1713 without their consent between boundary commissioners of the two colonies, they were placed under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and that their inhabitants now desired to come under the jurisdiction of Connecticut. Upon which Connecticut had appointed commissioners, and desired that Massachusetts do the same, "to hear the inhabitants of the said towns or plantations on the matter of their complaint, and report to the respective governments what they shall apprehend right to be done, that so this affair may be amicably settled, and justice may therein be done to his Majesties subjects."

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston October 29th 1747

Sir,

Mr Knowles and I have receiv'd your Honour's Letter dated the 24th Instant, and as a very great Expence to the Crown is running on whilst the accounts of the Forces rais'd for the Expedition against Canada are preparing and adjusting we think it our indispensable duty to send every Governour concerned the inclos'd Discharge of 'em to be Published among the Levies in such manner as they shall think proper.

You will perceive by the Extract of the Duke of newcastles Letter which we inclos'd in our last that it is his majestys Pleasure the Levies should be Discharged in the most frugal manner, so that it is doubtless his Expectation that all such of them, as have not march'd out of the province or Colony where they were rais'd, shou'd be paid off at the Rate of the Ordinary Establishment for all his majesty's Regiments of Foot Vizt the private men at the rate of 6d Sterling ℔ day, out of which a Stoppage must be made of 4d for their Provisions, so that there will remain to be paid in money to them, only 2d Sterling ℔ day; the Corporals after the Rate of 8d ℔ day, out of which a Stoppage of 4d for their Provisions, so that 4d Sterling ℔ Day will remain to be paid in money to them; the Sergeants after the Rate of 1s Sterling ℔ day, out of which a stoppage must be made of 4d for their Provisions, so that there will remain 8d Sterling ℔ day to be paid to them; and this is agreeable to the Terms of their Enlistmt in which no more is promised than the usual pay of his majestys Troops Vizt 6d Sterling ℔ day for a private man, 8d for a Corporal and 12d for a Sergeant; out of which they find themselves with Provisions, and where Provisions are found for them, as in the Case of Lieut General Phillips's Regiment posted in Nova Scotia and New foundland a Stoppage of 4d Sterling ℔ day is made out of their Pay for it: And in this case it makes no difference with respect to the Soldiers, that Provisions have been generally found for 'em at the Charge

of the Colonies, where they were rais'd and not the Crown's; For that was not given them as the Bounty of the several Colonies, but was required by his majesty from those Colonies to be done in ease of the National Expence, and as what was their reasonable part of the Charges to be incurr'd by the late intended Expedition, set on foot chiefly for the immediate Benefit of the several Colonies concern'd in it: and considering these Troops have not march'd out of their respective Colonies, they have no Pretence to expect more than what was promis'd 'em by the Terms of their Inlistment and ought to be Satisfied with that.

As to the method of Paying off the men, when they are discharged it Appears to Mr Knowles and me that there are but two ways of doing it, either by procuring money or Credit from the respective Assemblies, which we are Commanded by his majesty to recommend, or else by borrowing money of the merchants upon Publick Bills payable when the Parliament shall make Provision for defreying the charges incurr'd on Accot of these Levies, which Bills Mr Knowles & I think should be sold for the highest Exchange, that can be got for the benefit of the men, but not at a lower rate than 700 ℔ Cent advance in Bills of the old tenor, or 800£ of that Currency for 100 Sterlg; and if both these methods should fail then we can't see what more can possibly be done than to give the men Certificates of what is due to 'em at the time of their being Discharg'd with a promise of Paying 'em as soon as possible: but we hope there will be no necessity of having Recourse to this Expedient.

Mr Knowles being very much engaged in the business of his Squadron which detains him great part of his time at Nantasket has desired me to take upon my self the setling of the Terms for paying the men off; and as he is under Orders from the Lords of Admiralty to repair to Jamaica to take upon him the Command of his majestys Ships there and designs to Sail in about a Fortnight, we shall be glad to proceed as far as possible in the Execution of his majestys Orders Committed to our joint care, before he

goes and besides, if the Accounts are not transmitted home in time to be lay'd before Parliament this Session it may Occasion a Delay in raising the money for paying the Charges.

As to the returning of the Arms you have in your last Letter declared yourself to be of the same Opinion with Mr Knowles & my self, so I need say nothing more of that; And as to the Commission Officers Mr Knowles & I think they should have the full sterling pay which the Officers of His Majestys other Troops of their respective Ranks receive, Subject to the same Deductions with theirs.

The before written is a Copy of the Circular Letter which I have Sent to the Several other Governours concerned, which I thought it might be of Service to Communicate to your Honour; But I must now Acquaint you that with regard to the Soldiers & officers rais'd within your Colony Mr Knowles and I think your Government's dismissing 'em to their respective Homes till farther Orders sometime in the last Fall or beginning of Winter and their continuing so dismiss'd till this time, makes the Case of those Levies appear so different from that of the others, that we are at a Loss how to determine concerning 'em, & therefore desire you would be pleas'd to do it yourself; for we must decline it: But the Officers may depend, at least upon my Representation of their Case in the most Adventageous Light for them; which I believe Mr Knowles will Join with me in: and I hope they will not be distinguish'd from other Officers as to their Pay or other Advantages: for I am Sensible they were ready & desirous to Engage in every part of His Majesty's Service, if they had had an Opportunity for doing it: And I shall also be very glad if there is no difference made in the pay of the Men from what the Soldiers of the other Provinces receive, I mean particularly as to the time to which they will be paid; For there can be no possible Doubt of their Pay before the time of their Dismission.

I must Own I think when the three other Governments of New England in the last year, Sent part of the Kings

Troops rais'd within their respective Colonies for the Succour of His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and to drive the Enemy out of it; which would probably have been Effected, had your Honour thought fit to have sent a proportion of the Troops rais'd within your Government to have join'd the others I say, I think your denying to do it, & instead of it dismissing the whole Body of the Connecticut Levies is a very considerable Circumstance; And the Letter I received from you upon Occasion of the Surprize of the Massachusetts Levies by the Enemy at Menis, I cant help saying was so extraordinary an one in every respect, that I was at a loss to find a proper Answer to it, which was the reason I have been hitherto Silent about it; I shall only now say that had two hundred of the Kings Troops from your Government been at Menis that Misfortune would not have happen'd to the Massachusetts Forces; But as it was it is well known that their going thither drove the Enemy from Annapolis and afterwards from Menis & Confin'd 'em ever after to Schiegnecto & finally Occasion'd Mr de Ramsay's quitting the Province, and in Mr Mascarene's Opinion was probably the preservation of Accadie.

But thô I mention this Circumstance to you in this Letter, I have not the least Thoughts of doing it in any publick one, to the prejudice of the Officers or Levies of your Government, who I dare say would have most willingly gone upon that Duty if they had been permitted.

I am Sir,

Your Honours most Obedient
Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

[Indorsed by Law] Govr Shirleys recd Novbr 1 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Novbr 2d 1747

Sr

Yours of the 21st of the last month I receiv'd and according to your Desire, fifty men are ordered to be raisd

and sent to garrison att Dearfield and Northfield. The Assembly also have accepted, approv'd and ratifyd the Agreement of the Com^rs att New York so farr as it relates to this Gov^t Provided the Legislatures of the Massachusetts and New York do accept, approve and ratify the same. and Com^rs are appointed to meet Com^rs att Middleton in case others are sent according to the afores^d Agreement.

On Wednessday last I receiv^d your Excellencies above mentioned, and on the same day I rec^d a Letter from Govr Clinton and admired That neither of them mention'd one word of the Assemblie's Approbation of the s^d Agreement, since one Article in it, was, That Notice thereof should be speedily given by each Govr to the other.

I have also since rec^d a Letter from our Agent of the 26th of August, with a Copy of a Petition to his Maj^ty for money to pay the Canada Regiment, for the Officers Com^ns and that the Regiment might be putt on a certain Establishment for the future &c, in which Letter he sais, he shall from time to time acquaint me with the Stepps that are taken in Consequence thereof.

And indeed it is to me mysterious That when he had presented such a Petition, he should not learn (after so long a time as the 30th of May) That proper orders had been taken about that Affair

I am with great Respect
Your Excellencies
most obedient humble Servant
JON^TH LAW

[ ] Govr Shirley
[Indorsed] A Letter to Govr Shirley Nov^br 2 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

Milford Nov^br 20th 1747

S^r

I was favourd with yours since our Assembly adjournd during the Session whereof I receivd a letter from y^r Excellencies Govr Shirley and Knowls wth Extracts of a Letter

from the Duke of New Castle to Mr Shirley Copies whereof I herewith transmitt to you Whereupon the Assembly directed me to send Colll Williams with what they apprehended might be proper to lay before them, after which I recd your above mentiond at which I was stumbled that when you had presented your Petition to his Majty should not have learnt after so long a time as from 30th of May to the 26th of August That that Affair was taken Care of, which made me in doubt whether it might not be only a private Letter seeing I had no Direction from his Grace to subject the whole matter to those Gentlemen neither directly nor by a circular Letter as had been usual, but only Extracts of some Paragraphs signed by them but more especially when I recd Governour Shirley's Letter of October 24th with the Discharge of our new Levies, which Letter containd many discouraging Circumstances to which I now give answer and know not how to communicate the matter to you better than by sending Copies of them to you as also of the Muster Rolls and accounts of other Expences incurrd by meanes of the Canada Expedition That you might be advantaged to pursue your Petition or otherwayes obtain what is right in the Case. Whether Admiral Knowls will not be gone off before Colll Williams can possibly reach Boston with the necessary preparations is doubtfull and in Case he should be gone or be there and be so taken off by the Care of his Squadron that the Affair should be entirely under the Direction of Mr Shirley, its easy to see by his Letter how things are like to turn out with us, when our Assistance is wanted we are caressd but when that is over we are neglected as it was in asking for Reimbursements of the Cape Breton Expences. No people under the heaven can be better disposd to his Majties Service than ours yet if they alwayes come off by the Lee it will be discouraging. Indeed I alwayes said I chose to bear the Burthen if it would not break our backs but now our danger is great without Relief but the Massathusetts Gentlemen tell me theirs is certain. Comrs from Massathusetts, New York and Conecticutt have Agreed on Measures and pro-

portions for carrying on the Warr and our Legislature have approvd of it thô neither Massathusetts nor New York have yet done it and as for ye other Gov^rs thô invited to the Congress sent no Comissioners. We would be frugal but not parsemonious and if others are proflugate and spend y^r money for that which eventually turns out to no Advantage as in many Instances it has so done I would trust would not finally turn out to our Disadvantage

You will have sent you herewith Copies under the Seal of ye Gov^t of ye Acts of our Assembly wch sett forth the intended Canada Expedition with a List of the Officers appointed wch I thôt to be the most evidencial of ye Regiments being raised pursuant to the declaration made of his Maj^ties pleasure signifyd by his Grace ye D of N Castle a Copy w^r of I herewith send you.

I had not been so much at a loss ab^t Extracts of Letters to Mr Shirley had I not heretofore observd when I had only an Extract of a passage in the D of New Castle's Leter to Mr Shirley That when Lt Genl St Clair shall arrive att Louisburgh it will be left with Lt Genl St Clair Mr Warren and yóu to alter ye Plann of Operation as shall be thôt most advisable that he took it for a sufficient authority for two of them to do it thô the Order never came.

I also have desired the Coll^l to take this Opportunity to procure of Sr Wm Pepperil a proper Evidence of our Troops att Louisburge actually performing the Service in garisoning Louisburge as in our Acc^ts hypothecated agreeable to the Provision our Assembly had made and if y^r should appear to be more in number or greater length of time that you would get it added to ye Acc^t be sure we have imbursd every penny of it the number agreed by our Assembly to be kept there was 350 and ye time was till first of June unless his Maj^ties pleasure should be sooner known the number as I have heard was for some time 400 and they did not get home till July. Sr Peter Warren I believe is able to evidence in our favour and to be otherwayes serviceable to us and have herewith inclosd a Letter to him which you will take Care of

I have directed your Psallery granted in May last which was 250ll to be sent to your Correspondents in Boston and presume it is actually done

I subscribe

Your humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

To Eliakim Palmer Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of A letter to Mr Palmer 20th Novbr 1747
Copy of another January 27:1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO SAMUEL WELLES.

Milford Novbr 20th 1747

Sr

Yours of ye 2d Instant I recd on the 9th I have sent my Paquetts by Collr Williams I thank you for your Information as to the Expedition Its well to consider whether we have a sufficient number of men and also to count up the Cost You have sent for some of our men and N York have sent for men to protect Albany, we are supplying both by which meanes we are like to dreind of men and as to money Quantity avails little when the Quality is become like Salt that has lost its Savour.

N York will not think much of taking Crown point whilest they fear they shall not hold Albany

I hope the Association of Pensilvania may be of good Service

I am Sr

Your humble obedient Servant

J L

Samlr Wells Esqr

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Mr Wells Novbr 20th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER WARREN.

Sr

I would in the name and on the behalf of the Govr and Company of this Colony Congratulate your Excellency on

your Advancements which I understand to be built upon your own just Merits which is not always the meanes of every ones Promotion and we can never forget the good Services you did att Louisburgh for New England in which we are compris'd without which we must have returnd asham'd from so bold an Enterprize. As also you being an Instrument in the hand of god in Conjunction with Admiral Anson to avert the misery and destruction, with which France threatened us by your timely, faithfull, prudent and couragious Attack on the french Fleet by which they were dissipated and destroyd and we delivered

And now Sr We would earnestly begg the Interposition of your good Offices in our favour in your advancd State both with Respect to Louisburg and the intended Expedition against Canada which have left us under an insupportable burthen without some Relief and I have directed our Agent Eliakim Palmer Esqr to apply to you

And now in remembrance of your former Expressions of good will towards us I take leave to enroll myself among

Your most obliged

obedient humble Servants

JONTH LAW

Sr Peter Warren

[Indorsed] Peter Warren Novbr 22 1747

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Wethersfld Nov: 25th 1747

Sir

In your Honrs Letter to Mr Agent Palmer, (If I mistake not) you Signify to Him that you had directed me to procure of Genl Pepperel, a Certification concerning Our Forces having Served in the taking of Louisbourg and Defence of it afterwards. I intended to have asked for your Honours particular Direction in that Matter, but other Matters put it out of my mind —— I would therefore pray your Honour to give me in Writing particular Direction as to what I am to Do about it, — or if your Honour pleases a

Draught of Such a Certification as is Desired of Sr William, (by the bearer of this Coll Whiting) — and your Honrs Directions Shall be attended by

Your most Obedient
Humble Servt
ELISHA WILLIAMS

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Govr &c
[Indorsed] Coll Williams's Novbr 25 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD Novbr 26 — 1747

Sr

Yesterday I recd a Letter from Govr Clinton in wch he writes As I foresaw that the Troops raised upon the Expedition would be soon discharged and considering how much the frontiers of this Province would be exposd thereby I recomended to the Gen Assembly to take 800 men into the pay of this Colonie for his Majties Service in protection of the Countrey, but as they rejected the most probable meanes of engagg them by giving the men Cloathing, I am apprehensive it will not be in the power of the comanding Officer at Albany to raise the Companies he has Orders for that purpose upon the Encouragement the Assembly has now resolved to give, as the Captains of those Levies have refused enterin into this Service. but as I am told that men will be readily got within your Govt to serve in this Province upon the following Encouragement which is 10s to a Captain ℔ day 6s a Lieut 2s to a Serjeant a Drum and 18d to each private man to be paid monthly besides Provisions. I take the Liberty to know your Sentiments Whether three Companies or more can be raisd in your Govt on this Occasion and how soon they can be in readiness to march to Albany with Arms and Accoutrements wch the Assembly makes no Provision for both Officers and men will enter into the Pay of this Province from the time they march. The Companies are to consist of one Capt one Lieut three Serjts and a Drum and sixty private men and the Capt allowd £120 bounty

and pay is to be this Currency If you conceive men can be readily upon these Terms I shall transmitt to you Warrants to the Capt^{ns} whom you will recommend in Confidence you will name none but such as are capable to command I must desir ye favour of your Answer as soon as possible

There is Provision made for a Doct^{r} and 2 Mates and the time allowd by ye Assem to be upon this Service is 270^{d}

Now I would pray your and Gentlemen near you their Sentiments about it. and who may be likely persons to undertake and accept this Service That I might recomend them if you think it advisable for my own part I fear Albany will be in danger and could it be protected our Frontiers would not be so much exposed. the Confusions in that Gov^{t} I fear are great and will much expose them Nothing is said about Crown point now thô sometime since he informd me part of the Legislature came into part of ye Agreement and would inform me when they did neither have I any Acc^{t} from Govr Shirley of y^{r} Approbation thô I have long since given an Acc^{t} of ours.

This comes by an Express to Coll^{l} Williams by whom let me hear from you

I am S^{r} your humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to D G Wolcott Nov^{br} 26 1747

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Novr 27 1747

S^{r}

yours of the 26th Instant I have Rec^{d} had I Rec^{d} it yesterday when I mett the Comittee for the war I should have had the Opertunity of Confering with Them upon but it is now Impossible to Call them together so as to return you an Answer by this Express I must therefore something suddenly Give my own Thoughts and send your Letter with this open to the Gentlemen of the Councill in this

County who I hope will give your Hon^{r} their opinion by this Express.

My opinion at present is that the Confusions that are at present at New York are such as threaten the loss of Albany which would be a Great Disorvice (?) to all the Northern Collonys for it will Greatly Encourage the Enemy and the loss of that Valuable fronteer will Endanger the Defection of the Six Nations and possibly bring the whole force of the Enemy upon New England and I think the Encouragement offered by Govr Clinton with the Love our men bear to their Country will Induce our men Chearfully to Enter into the service I Can speak for one that did not my years forbid it I would readily enter into the service and Endeavour to Inlist a Company and should not doubt of success I have five sons Grown to men if his Excellency should think fitt to order a Comission to Either of them I can freely adventure him into the service

your Hon^{r} in my opinion may do well as the Case is Circumstancd to Inform Govr Clinton of your Grave Concern for the misunderstandings there are with them and the Danger that threatens not only their own fronteers but the Comon Cause is like to suffer by it and that you Could have been Glad the Case had be such that we might have been excused from this we haveing now ordered forces up to Garason the County of Hamshire yett Considering the Case as it is you will Encourage the Inlisting the men here according to his Excellencys proposall

as I observed before I am now alone and time will not allow me to call in advice nor Inform myself who will undertake to be officers in the service here Can therefore only tell you that Coll^{o} Talcott or Capt James Chh are very Good men and that one of them and if they faill severall others in these parts of the Gov^{t} will cheerfully undertake it if they have the opertunity

yesterday we orderd 50 men out of Col^{o} Whiting and Coll^{o} Wells Regiment to be raised for the Defence of the County of Hamshire have no news to tell you but that I hear at Boston to have agred to the Expedition ag^{t} Crown

point your Hon^{r} will therefore Consider if it be not best to reserve the men that shall go to Albany for that service if it Goes on

I am your very humble serv^{t}
ROGER WOLCOTT

Govr LAW

HARTFORD Novr 27th 1747

I Have Read what his Honour Governour Wolcott Has Wrote, I am of opinion it is Best Your Honour Should Give our Men the oppertunity to engage in the Service

Who am with Due Regards Your
Honours obeidiant H Ser^{tt}
W^{M} PITKIN

To the Honourable JONATH. LAW Esqr
[Superscribed] To the Hon^{able} JONATHAN LAW Esqr
In Millford pr Mr Baldwin
[Indorsed] Govr Wolcott Nov^{br} 30th 1747

JONATHAN LAW'S CERTIFICATE.*

Jonathan Law Esqr Governor of his Majesties English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America.

To all whom it may concern.

By these presents doth certifie & make known.

That in pursuance of his Majesties directions Signifyed

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* Late in the year 1899 Benjamin Franklin Stevens of London, England, wrote to the Connecticut Historical Society offering to send to the Society a transcript of the muster rolls of the ten companies raised in Connecticut in 1746 to take part in the intended expedition of that year against Canada, provided copies of the rolls were not already in Connecticut. This kind offer being accepted, with the assurance to Mr. Stevens that no copies of the rolls were known here, a handsome volume containing a transcript of the rolls was received a few months later, from which the following is extracted:

"The Transcribers Prefatory Letter.

"London, 9 April 1900.

"In respectfully proffering this volume of Transcripts to the Connecticut Historical Society a few words about this unique Muster Roll may not be unacceptable.

"The original book in its contemporaneous canvas binding is made up of broadside sheets of paper of different sizes. It has no title page. The first sheet, written on both sides, contains the Resolution of the General Assembly of Connecticut in May 1746 to raise and maintain Troops. The seal is lost. The

to the Governor & Company of S^d^ Colony by his Grace the Duke of New Castle in his Letter dated April 9th A D: 1746.

Elisha Williams Esqr was appointed Col^o^.

Samuel Talcott Esqr Lieut^t^ Col^o^.

Israel Hewit Esqr Major of the Regiment ordered to be raised in S^d^ Colony according to the King's Directions Signifyed as afores^d^ to proceed on an intended Expedition for

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second sheet, also written on both sides, contains further Resolutions of June 1746. This has the Colonial Seal in red wax. The third sheet is a proclamation or certificate by Governor Law enumerating the officers of the different companies. The Governor's seal, on this, is an imperfect impression. On the fourth sheet the Muster Rolls begin and are continued to the eighty third where the book ends.

"The first, and first only, of these rolls bears the title heading 'A Muster Roll of the Regiment of foot under the Command of Colonel Elisha Williams raised for His Majesties Service for an Expedition against Canada by Order of the General Assembly of this Colony pursuant to his Majesties Directions signified to the same by his Grace the Duke of New-Castle in a Letter dated April 9th. 1746.' The Rolls are for each of the ten companies and give the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates with the dates of enlistment, and are respectively for these eight periods:—30 May to 24 August 1746; 25 August to 24 October; 25 October to 24 December; 25 December 1746 to 24 February 1747; 25 February to 24 April; 25 April to 24 June; 25 June to 24 August; and 25 August to 31 October 1747. They each bear the autograph signatures of their respective captains and lieutenants and all are countersigned by Governor Law and Commissary Herpin. The eighty Rolls are here transcribed page for page with their respective originals with the single exception that it has been more convenient to copy the one title heading on a separate preliminary sheet.

"As the Acts of the General Assembly and this Mustering of the Connecticut Forces for an Expedition against Canada were '*pursuant* to His Majesties Directions signified by the Duke of Newcastle in a letter dated April 9. 1746.' and as that letter is not in the Muster Roll I add a copy from its official draft, (A. W. I. 63) in the Public Record Office. I also add the Abstract of Mr Palmer's letter received August 1747 and the Extract of Governor Law's letter of 17 October 1747 received from Governor Shirley, but in quoting these three papers pertaining to the Muster Roll merely for convenient reference I am not opening for discussion the general subject of the concerted action of Connecticut with the other Colonies for the reduction of Canada or the Louisburg expeditions.

"Of course the fair copies of the Duke of Newcastle's draft when written out for signature and dispatch would be addressed in the usual terms to the respective governors. In the body of the instructions 'Connecticut' or 'Rhode Island' would be substituted for 'New Hampshire' now in the official draft.

"The spelling of names, abbreviations, capitals, punctuation and similar peculiarities have been carefully followed throughout the transcripts. Only the foliation on the eighty Muster rolls has been added.

"This original Muster Roll recently discovered in the Public Record Office of England by Hubert Hall, Esq., F. S. A., Custodian of the Government Search Room, is perhaps the only complete Muster Roll of the Colonial forces raised for this expedition, now preserved in the English Archives. Its present reference mark and number is War Office Original Correspondence No. 1.

"In the hope of making my Transcript better available for historical and genealogical purposes I have put at the end of the volume an alphabetical list of the names of the one thousand officers and men borne on the Muster Roll.

"B. F. Stevens."

The rolls which follow are printed from the copy transcribed for and presented by Mr. Stevens to the Society. Governor Law's certificate giving the

the Reduction of Canada to his Majesties Obedience — & also that.

Elisha Williams was appointed Capt

Henry King	1st Lieutt	of ye 1st Compa
Timo Bigelow	2d Lieutt	
John Brown	Ensign	
Samuel Talcott	Capt	2d Compa
Willm Smithson	1st Lieutt	
Danl Lyman	2d Lieutt	
James Blacksley	Ensign	
Israel Hewit	Capt	3d Compa
Jonathn Read	1st Lieutt	
John Leeds	2d Lieutt	
Danl Redfield	Ensign	
James Church	Capt	4th Compa
Josiah Griswold	1st Lieutt	
John Patterson	2d Lieutt	
Jacob Ford	Ensign	
Josiah Starr	Capt	5th Compa
Willm King	1st Lieutt	
David Burr	2d Lieutt	
Coe Hinman	Ensign	
Benjamn Lee	Capt	of ye 6th Compa
Henry Cleaveland	1st Lieutt	
Asa Lothrop	2d Lieutt	
Nathl Ripley	Ensign	
Robt Dennison	Capt	7th Compa
Gershom Breed	1st Lieutt	
Roger Billings	2d Lieutt	
Isaac Jones	Ensign	

names of the officers is printed from a duplicate original among the Law papers which bears the autograph and seal of Governor Law, as does that copied by Mr. Stevens. A few illegible words in this have been supplied from Mr. Stevens' copy. Possibly this illegibility was the cause of a second certificate being made to send to England. The red wax seal bears a poor impression of the arms. Apparently the shield carries a chevron, whose cross hatching indicates that its color is black, between three small figures which may be birds heads, erased. There is no crest above the esquires helmet which surrounds the shield.

Willm Whiting	Capt	8th Compa
Saml Fitch	1st Lieutt	
Normd Morison	2d Lieutt	
Seth Pain	Ensign	
Elihu Hall	Capt	9th Compa
Saml Sandford	1st Lieutt	
John Darling	2d Lieutt	
Arthur Worster	Ensign	
Joseph Worster	Capt	10th Compa
Danl Belding	1st Lieutt	
Eliakim Robinson	2d Lieutt	
James Mead	Ensign	

In the Said Regiment on the particular times & days mentioned & entered in the annexed Muster Rolls, & that the Sd appointed persons did accordingly then engage to Serve his Majesty in the Sd respective posts in the Expedition aforesd. & likewise that —

The Revd Ashbell Woodbridge was appointed Chaplain	June 19th 1746
Normd Morison Physician & Surgeon	
John Herpin Junr Comissary	June 9th 1746
Timo Mix Surgeon's Mate	
James Fitch 2d Surgeon's Mate for the said Regiment	

SEAL

Given under my hand & Seal at Milford in the Colony aforesd this 1st Day of December Anno Regni Regis Georgij 2ndi Magnæ Britniae &c 21mo Annoq Domini 1747 — .

JONTH LAW GovR

MUSTER ROLLS.

Colony of Connecticut in New England Anno Domini 1746

A Muster Roll of the Regiment of foot under the Command of Colonel Elisha Williams raised for his Majesties Service for an Expedition against Canada by Order of the

General Assembly of this Colony pursuant to his Majesties Directions signified to the same by his Grace the Duke of New Castle in a Letter dated April 9th 1746

		Dates 1746
Coll Elisha Williams Captn		May 30
Henry King Lieut		30
Timothy Bigelow 2d Lieut		30
John Brown Ensign		30
Ashbel Woodbridge Chaplain		June 19
John Darling Adjutant		Septr 5
Roderick Morrison Quartr Mastr		Aug. 23
Normand Morrison Surgeon		June 19
Timothy Mix Surgeons Mate		9
James Fitch 2d Surgeons Mate		9
Samuel Brooks	Enlisted	June 4
Timothy Baker		3
Robert Wilkinson	Serjeants	9
John Hopkins		30
Stephen Smith		11
Daniel Cornwal	Corporals	6
William Pattison		27
William Whitney		9
Noah Hoskins	Drummers	10
John Ranney		6
Thomas Andrus		11
Jonathan Arnold		3
Jonathan Ashley		14
Nathaniel Brown		3
Stephen Bordman		4
Simon Baxter		5
David Ball		6
Joshua Culver		11
James Cole		11
Abel Clark		23
Josiah Churchil		24
Jeremiah Centor		26
Andrew Curricum		9
Moses Curricum		24

Matthew Dunham		June	4
Samuel Drake			25
Ambrose Eglestone			3
Ezra Elgar			3
John Edwards			6
Esau Ephraim			3
John Foster			6
Joseph Fox			7
George Fuller			7
David Foster			23
Benjamin Frisbie		July	1
Nathaniel Hubbard		June	3
Ebenezer Hale			4
Reuben Hosford			9
Peter Harrison	respt		10
Thomas Hewit			10
Elijah Harvey			10
Shauwon Indian			2
Prime Indian			2
Squamp Indian			3
Broughton Johnson			9
Zebede Indian			24
John Knox			5
Samuel Keney			23
Jabez Lewis			3
Benjamin Luse			9
Nathaniel Linus			9
Ichabod Lucas			9
Robert Loveland	respt		9
Benjamin Lord			10
Daniel Mackey			6
John Mason			11
Peter Milford			10
David Marble		July	9
Roderick Morrison		Augst	23
William Olivey		June	25
Asahel Owen			25
Amos Porter			3

John Pattison		June	4
Joseph Powel			4
Bailey Plumb			6
Ezekiel Park			9
Cornelius Peck			11
Timothy Pierson	respt		11
Benjamin Price			13
Edward Pattison			25
Cyrus Quarters			6
John Robbin			26
Jonathan Smith			4
John Stratton			4
Stephen Shipman			5
Jonathan Shipman			6
John Sykes			9
Peleg Sunderland			9
Andrew Sawyer	respt		9
Simon Smith			12
Joseph Storer			14
Enoch Smith			16
Thomas Stevens			20
Peter Sanchuse			9
Jonathan Strickland			26
Timothy Stanley		July	14
Elisha Tillotson		June	3
John Thomas			6
Paul Thurston			11
Samuel Thompson	respt		14
William Taylor			14
Peter Tomtauko			9
Benjamin Topham			9
Benjamin West			3
Thomas Wetmore			6
Caleb Webster			9
Noah Wadhams			11
Jacob Way	respt		11
Samuel Wright			11

John White	June 27
Zephaniah Wicks	11
Isaac Williams	July 4

Colony of Connecticut New London August 24th 1746. Then mustered in Col[l] Elisha Williams's Company in the Regiment of foot of which said Elisha Williams is Colonel raised for his Majesties Service for an Expedition against Canada viz. one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign four Serjeants four Corporals two Drummers and eighty six private men being all Effectives the Muster being for Eighty seven Days commencing the 30th Day of May 1746 and ending the 24th Day of August following both Days inclusive.

Witness our Hands
ELISHA WILLIAMS
JN[O] HERPIN Commis[y] HENRY KING
The above named Elisha Williams
Sworn before me.
JON[TH] LAW GOV[r]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th Day of August 1746 and ending the 24th Day of October following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll is the record "Benjamin Tapham died October 4."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of October 1746 and ending the 24th Day of December following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Benjamin Tapham. On the back of this roll is the record "Paul Thurston died Nov[r] 17."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of December 1746 and ending the 24th Day of February following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as

the preceding except for the omission of Paul Thurston. On the back of this roll are the records "David Marble deserted February 24 Jonathan Smith deserted Febry 24 Stephen Shipman died Janry 28 Simon Smith deserted Febry 24."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of February 1746/7 and ending the 24th Day of April following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of David Marble, Jonathan Smith, Stephen Shipman and Simon Smith. On the back of this roll are the records "Lieut Timo Bigelow died March 23 Nathel Brown deserted April 24."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of April 1747 and ending the 24th Day of June following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Timothy Bigelow and Nathaniel Brown. On the back of this roll is the record "John Sykes died May 8th."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of June 1747 and ending the 24th Day of August following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of John Sikes.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of August 1747 and ending the 31st of October following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

			Dates 1746	
Lieut Coll Samll Talcott Capt			May	30
Wm Smithson Lieut			May	30
Danl Lyman Lieut			June	9
James Blaksly Ensign			May	30
John Pratt	Serjts	Inlisted	June	24
Timo Hill	Serjts		June	13
Thos Newell	Serjts		August	9
Joseph Bradly	Serjts		June	13

Benj^{a} Chittenden	Corpor^{l}		June	13
Joshua Turril			June	24
James Doney			June	11
Thos Briant			June	8
Benja^{n} Pitchard	Drum^{r}		June	7
Joseph Hecocks			June	3
Henry Acans			June	9
Titus Allin			June	24
Elijah Alderman			July	2
David Andrus			June	4
Wm Barns			June	4
Tilly Blaksly			June	6
Adkison Branton *			June	9
Samuel Butler			June	12
Elihu Baily			July	2
Benja^{n} Brown			July	2
James Ball			July	2
Eldad Barber			July	15(?)
Jehiel Capron		Resp^{t}	June	23
Joel Camp			June	8
Paul Cornel			June	17
Wm Charles			June	19
David Clark			June	24
Elisha Crane			July	2
Beriah Dudly			June	8
John Dorman			June	17
Richd Darrow			June	18
Thos Dorson			June	18
James Doctor			June	20
Abra^{m} Doolittle			July	2
Wm Dennin			July	2
Tim^{o} Daily			June	18
Robert Downin		Resp^{t}	June	28
John Everton			June	18
Saml Evans Ju^{r}			June	28
Benja^{n} Griswold			June	5

* Written Banton on another roll.

Moses Goff		June	8
Hez^{h} Gorham		June	23
Return Holcomb		June	5
Jon^{a} Higly		June	5
Isaac Hail *		June	8
Ichabod Hand		June	13
Saml Hale		June	16
Benja^{n} Holcomb		June	24
Edward Hutchins		June	25
David Holly		July	2
Jon^{a} Holly		July	2
Abra^{m} Hitt		August	14
Jobe Judson	Resp^{t}	June	25
Joate Indus		June	13
Peter Judson		June	28
Thos Johan in lieu of Simeon Wright		June	5
Joseph Joslin		June	23
John Lomis		June	30
Joseph Messengers		June	5
Elijah Messenger		June	5
John Monteque		June	19
Roger Mawchu		June	19
Joseph Munson		June	23
Jon^{a} Mix		June	23
Amos Mansfield		August	6
Andrew Nauten		June	10
Eleaz^{r} Newhall		June	12
John Noble	Resp^{t}	June	25
Oliver Orvis		June	3
Thos Orator		June	16
Jeremiah Osburn Ju^{r}		July	9
Ward Peck		June	23
Darias Pain		June	24
John Roberts		June	10
Jasper Rutte		June	13
Benja^{n} Roice		June	23

* Written Hale on another roll.

Thos Rutte		June	27
Danl Robison		June	28
Andrew Sherwood		June	7
David Shipman		June	10
Thomson Spelman		June	12
George Scott		June	13
Joseph Suckenuck		June	19
Caleb Suckenuck		June	12
Israel Smith		July	14
Thos Sherlock		June	2
Richard Stubbins	Respt	June	18
Benjan Silby	Respt	June	23
David Towner		June	10
Isaac Turner		June	13
Jacob Turner		June	17
Mayhu Tupper		June	20
John Tibbals		June	28
John Tousse		July	8
James Thomson		July	3
Stophels Vansant		June	25
Jona Woodruff		June	3
Abel Wood		June	17
Benjan Whittacus		June	19
Jonath Ward		June	25
Jona Wood		July	14
James Warren		June	20

New London Connecticutt August 24th 1746. Then Mustered In Lieut Coll Samll Talcotts Company in ye Regiment off Foot (of Which ye Honourable Elisha Williams is Colonel) Raised in The Colony of Connecticutt for his Majestys Service for an Expedition against Canada vizt one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign four Serjants four Corporals two Drumers and Eighty Six private men all Being Effective. The Muster Beeing for Eighty Seven Days Commencing the 30 day of may 1746 & Ending The 24th Day of August

then Next following both days inclusive

witnes our hands

SAMUEL TALCOTT

JN^O HERPIN Commis^y DANIEL LYMAN

The above named Sam^ll Talcott

Sworn before me

JON^TH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th day of august 1746 and Ending ye 24th day of Octo^r following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll is the record "Paul Cornel Died Sepr 8th 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of Octo^r 1746 & Ending ye 24th day of Decem^r following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Paul Cornel.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing The 25th day of Decem^r 1746 and ending The 24th day of Feb^r following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding; but with the record "Deserted" against Elihu Baily, Abra^m Hitt and Darias Pain.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing The 25th day of Feb^r 1746/7 & Ending The 24th day of april following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Elihu Baily, Abra^m Hitt and Darias Pain; but with the record "Deserted" against Tim^o Daily, Edward Hutchins and Eleaz^r Newhall.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing The 25th day of april 1747 & Ending the 24th of June following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Tim^o Daily, Edward

Hutchins and Eleazr Newhall; but with the record "Deserted" against Samuel Butler.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of June 1747 and Ending the 24 day of august following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Samuel Butler.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of august 1747 & Ending the 31st day of octor following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

			Dates 1746	
Majr Israel Hewit Capt			May	30
Jonathan Reed	Lieut			30
Thomas Leeds	Lieut			30
Daniel Redfield Ensign				30
Thomas Leeds	Serjts	Enlisted	June	11
Alpheus Tubbs	Serjts			11
Abijah Hewit	Serjts			16
Stephen Emerson	Serjts			11
Peter Powers	Corpls			11
Jacob Sawyer	Corpls		July	1
Simon Fobes	Corpls		June	13
Giles Hull*	Corpls			13
Elias Button †	Drumrs		July	3
Joah Ward	Drumrs		June	13
Elisha Avery				12
John Ashbow				28
Samuel Asten		Respt		12
Thomas Badcock				12
Simon Bagonet				12
Phillips Beckwith				12
Samuel Brand				13
Joseph Brown				13
Samuel Beckwith				16

* On one roll this name is written Hall.
† On one roll this name is written Batton.

Noah Beebe		June	12
Nehemiah Beebe			16
Patt Brown			10
Robert Crosmon			12
Charles Chowjoy			13
Josiah Chatfield			13
John Carter			13
John Cheswunks			16
John Corbit			28
John Chunks			26
Samuel Corbit			12
James Chunks			28
John Cojow			28
John Deway			16
William Dowley			10
John Downs			16
Thomas Douglass			20
Benjamin Edwards			13
Samuel Edmunds	Resp^{t}		11
David Fanning			9
Tom Foney			10
John Fuller			10
Samuel Feller*	Resp^{t}		10
Jason Fish			11
John Glover			9
Thomas Giddings†			16
Benj^{a} Garrit			28
Christopher Helme			11
Richard Harvey			12
Abraham Hill			13
Samuel Hutchison			24
William Jeffery			11
Abner Indian			13
Ned Indian			11
Tobe Indian			13

* On one roll this name is written Fellow.
† On one roll this name is written Giddions.

John Jones		June	11
Penny James			24
Peter Junks			28
George Indian			13
John Leathercoat			10
John Lewis			12
Isaac Lamphier			16
Ely Lewis			26
Jonathan Loss	Resp^{t}		13
John Lewis			26
Robert Menter			5
Jeffry Mezin			11
Ebenezer Mack			16
Peter Mezin			26
Stephen Mason			12
Liftis* Newell			13
Peter Nonsuch			12
Nathaniel Park			11
Thomas Palmer			11
Daniel Poheeg			26
Sam: Pomet			28
William Pertilow			26
John Quawhawg			13
Tom Quigicks			26
Isaac Rowley			11
John Robings			11
Jonathan Rogers			11
Stephen Ransom			16
John Rowlison			13
Hezekiah Smith		July	6
Thomas Smithson	resp^{t}	June	14
Thomas Smith			16
Solomon Sterry			16
Abraham Stevens			13
Samuel Sterry			11
Tom Toney			10

* Written Loftis on another roll.

James Tantipan*		June 11
Eleazer Tillison†		11
Nehemiah Tantipan*		11
John Towns	respt	9
Sam: Todd		28
Ezekiel Tubbs		17
Sam: Waug		26
Uriah Williams		26
William Wall		11
Nathan Williams		10
Stephen Williams		10
Joseph York		9

Colony of Connecticut New London August 24th 1746 then Mustered in Majer Israel Hewit Company in the Regiment of Foot of which the Honourable Elisha Williams is Colonel raised for his Majesties Service in An Expedition against Canada viz: one Captain Two Lieutenants one Ensign four Serjeants four Corporals Two Drummers 86 Private men being all Effective the muster being for 87 days Commencing the Said 30th Day of May 1746 ending the 24th of august following inclusive

Witness our hands

ISRAEL HEWIT

JNO HERPIN Commisy JONTH READ

The Above named Israel Hewit

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of August 1746 and Ending the 24th Day of October following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the substitution of Tom Queeheets for Tom Foney. On the back of this roll are the records "Patt Brown Deserted 1746 William

*On one roll this name is written Tantipine.
†On one roll this name is written Tillittson.

Jeffery Deceas^{d} Septemb^{r} 30th 1746 Tom Quocheets Deceas^{d} October 7th 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of October 1746 and Ending the 24th Day of December following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Patt Brown, William Jeffery and Tom Queeheets. On the back of this roll are the records "George Indian deceas^{d} Novemb^{r} 1st 1746 Uriah Williams deceas^{d} Novemb^{r} 11th 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of December 1746 and ending the 24th Day of February following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of George Indian and Uriah Williams.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of February 1746/7 and Ending the 24th Day of April following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of Aprail 1747 and Ending the 24th Day of June following Both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th of June 1747 and Ending the 24th Day of August following Both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th of August 1747 and Ending the 31st of October Following Both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll is the record "James Tantipine, Dec^{d}, September. 16. 1747."]

		Time of Engageing in the Service 1746	
James Church Capt		May	30
Josiah Griswold Lieut			30
John Pateson 2d Lieut			30
Jacob Ford Ensign			30
Ichabod Freeman	Enlisted Sergeants	June	4
David Pike			9
Stephen Welton			25
James Dunlap			4
John Tryon	Corporalls		24
Elijah Woodruff			23
Israel Walker			26
Ebenezr Woodworth			12
Abrahm Goodrich	Drummers		26
Benja Stevens			9
Ameziah Ashman			27
Noah Allyn			28
Andrew Algor		July	4
Aaron Beech		June	2
Solomon Bill			12
William Baxter *			12
William Blin			25
Silveanas Blush		July	2
Rheuben Carryway †		June	7
Elisha Carpenter			8
David Cogswell			23
Ebenezer Curtice			25
Enoch Curtice			25
Phinehas Curtice			25
Thomas Cowles			26
Barnabas Chapman			26
Joseph Crowfoot			27
Henry Cook			27
John Collins			16

* Written Bickster on another roll.
† Written Caraway on another roll.

Justus Dickinson	June	7
Benj^{a} Denslow		9
Math^{w} Dolf		12
Andrew Downer		13
Joseph Dickinson		21
Amos Dorman		25
Joshua Dickinson		26
Daniel Davison	July	4
Thomas Dickinson		4
Ebenezer Everets	June	26
John Fowler		3
Samuel Fielding		24
Amos Fuller		24
John Finney		26
Benoni Fox		30
Daniel Goodrich		9
Elisha Gilbert		15
Edman Grover		23
Ebenez^{r} Grover		23
Solomon Goodrich		26
Saml Gridley		23
Ichabod Grimes	July	3
James Hadlock *	June	4
Jonath^{n} Hollister		13
John Hilliard		19
Samuel Hide		19
Oliver Hills		26
Amos Jones		10
Abraham Jackson		26
John Japhet		27
Benj^{a} Keney		16
John Lestrange		11
Joshua Lamkin		24
Moses Matthews		11
Robt Mackintire		15

* Written Hudlock on another roll.

John Merry		June	15
Orlander Mack			24
Benj^{a} Matthews			25
Nicholas Nickols			25
Joseph Nepash			12
John Peathouse			8
Christopher Pease			12
Peter Pease			13
Charles Peck			14
Jonathan Preston			25
Jonathan Polley			27
Caleb Root			24
John Rowse			28
John Rosmonton			
James Rumble	Respt^{d}		12
Jonath^{n} Rodling *			
Eliakim Saymore			9
Stephen Skofeld			9
Robt Scrivener			13
Jonath^{n} Shawan			17
Ebenez^{r} Stebbens			24
Josiah Skinner			26
Caleb Swetland			27
Asher Shelden		July	8
Richar^{d} Thomas		June	25
Ezra Tryon			7
Elias Tupper			12
William White			4
Samuel Wealch			4
George Welton			9
Henry Woodward			23
John Waters †			24
Samuel Williams			24
Samuel White			27
Nathl Warren		July	8

* Written Jn° Rodling on some other rolls.
† Written Jn° Walters on another roll.

Richd Wakefree*
Robt Walfox } Respetd June 16
Joshua Wadington

Colony of Connecticutt New London August 24th 1746. Then Mustered in Capt James Church's Companny in the Regiment of Foot of which the Honble Elisha Williams is Colonell raised in ye Colony of Connecticutt for his Majesties Service in an Expedition agst Canada (vizt) one Captain, Two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporalls, Two Drummers and Eighty Six Private men being all Effective. The Muster being for Eighty & Seven Days Commenceing the 30th of May A. D. 1746 and ending the 24th of August following both Days Inclusive.

Witness our Hands
JAMES CHURCH
JNO HERPIN Commy JOSIAH GRISWOLD
The above named James Church
Sworn before me
JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commenceing the 25th of August 1746 and ending the 24th of October following both Day Inclusive" contains the same names with the memorandum "Deserted" against that of John Rowse.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commenceing the 25 of October 1746 and Ending the 24th of December following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of John Rowse.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commenceing the 25th of December 1746 and ending the 24th of February following both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

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* Written Walkefree on another roll and Wakefire on still another.

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commenceing the 25th of February 1746/7 and ending the 24th of April following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commenceing the 25th Day of April A D 1747 and ending the 24th of June following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding; and on the back of the roll is the record "John Letstrange Died June 10th 1747."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25 day of June 1747 and Ending the 24 of August following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of John Lestrange.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th of August 1747 and Ending the 31st of October following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Barnabas Chapman.]

			Dates 1746.	
Josiah Starr Capt			May	30th
William King	Lieuts		June	16
David Burr			June	19
Col Henman* Ensign			May	30
Azariah Canfield	Serjts	Enlisted	June	30
John Hamlin			June	10
Richard Hubbell			June	21
John Porter			June	18
Abel Comstalk	Corpls		June	10
John Adams			June	18
Joseph Bartram			June	25
Elisha Judson			June	26
Benajah Roots	Drumrs		June	16
Nathan Foot			June	21

* Written Col Hinman on most of the rolls.

John Austin		June	25
Eben^{r} Burley		June	18
Peter Brown		June	19
Nathan Barnum		June	24
Dan^{el} Barnum		June	27
Simeon Baldwin		June	27
Allin Ball		June	27
John Barnux	Resp^{t}	June	27
Abrah^{m} Ceser		June	16
Hope Chapman		June	23
Hezek^{h} Cozier		June	27
Dan^{el} Cable		June	28
Hezk^{h} Culver		June	30
Jabez Darling		June	25
David Darling		July	2
John Ellwood		June	25
John Fountain		June	18
Peter Ferris		June	23
Peter Fransisco		June	25
Caleb Ferris		June	26
John Foot		June	27
Nath^{el} Holmes		June	18
David Hodgskiss		June	22
Eliakim Hide		June	23
Richard Hulse		June	24
Jonath Holly		June	24
David Holly		June	25
Dan^{el} Hiecock		June	26
Partrick Hujus	Resp^{t}	June	26
Jonath Hough		June	27
Nath^{el} Hamlin		June	30
Jonath Jagger		June	20
Miles Jordan		June	23
Job Jarman		June	23
Sam^{el} Jacobs		June	25
Dan^{el} Jennings		June	25
John Knap		June	16
Jonath Knap		June	16

Daniel Knap		June	23
Jedediah Kimberly		June	24
Jarvis Krown	Resp^{t}	June	24
Nehem^{h} Leavitt		June	9
James Loveless		June	24
Abrah^{m} Lockwood		June	24
Hezek^{h} Lane		June	30
John Mallery		June	16
Joseph Morgan		June	20
Thad^{us} Morehouse		June	24
Ezra Mead		June	25
Gilbert Mekinzey		June	30
Sam^{el} Nickolls		June	16
Prime Noguier	Resp^{t}	June	16
Pompy Nicol		June	25
Lemuel Price		June	23
Benjn Prindle		June	24
John Parrit		June	25
Robert Poney		June	29
Sam^{el} Pierce		June	30
Hugh Paywell	Resp^{t}	June	30
Thomas Queech		June	26
Isaac Rood		June	16
Charles Row		June	23
Dan^{el} Rumsey		June	25
Eben^{r} Sanford		June	16
Thomas Skidmore		June	18
Jedediah Sweet		June	23
Hezek^{h} Stevens		June	25
John Seager		June	25
Benoni Stebbins		June	25
Benj^{m} Squier		June	25
Mallit Soldier	Resp^{t}	June	25
Willm Smith		June	25
John Stevens		June	26
Willm Spooner		June	28
Justus Seely		June	29
Thomas Trusdell		June	9

Amos Turrel	June	21
Hatchit Towsick	June	23
John Tallowday	June	26
Josiah Thomas	June	28
David Whelply	June	18
Sam^{el} Webb	June	19
Isaac Whelply	June	20
Richard Wareing	June	23
Anthony Wansor	June	23
Michel Wareing	June	23
James Whitney	June	25
Eben^{r} Weed	June	26
Michel Wareing	June	27
Paul Welch	June	29
James Walling	June	30
Eben^{r} Wixon	June	30

Colony of Connecticut New London August 24th 1746 then Mustered in Capt Josiah Starrs Company in ye Regiment of Foot of Which ye Honble Elisha Williams is Col^{o} raised in ye Colony of Connecticut, for his Majesties Service for an Expedition Against Canada Viz, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, two Drummers, & Eighty Six Private Men, being all Effective ye Muster being for 87 Days Commencing ye 30th Day of May 1746 and Ending ye 24th of August following Inclusive.

Witness our Hands
JOSIAH STARR Capt
JN^{O} HERPIN Commis^{y} DAVID BURR Lieu^{t}
The Above Named Josiah Starr
Sworn before me
JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th Day of August 1746 & Ending ye 24th Day of Octob^{r}

following both Dates Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of Octob^r 1746 & Ending ye 24th of Decem^r following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of Decemb^r 1746: & Ending ye 24th of Feb^ry following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding; and on the back of the roll are the records "Caleb Ferris Died January 3^d John Tallowday Died Februy 3d."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of February 1746/7 and Ending ye 24th of April following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Caleb Ferris and John Tallowday; and on the back of the roll is the record "Thad^s Morehouse Died April 2^d."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of April 1747, & Ending ye 24th of June following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Thad^us Morehouse.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of June 1747: and Ending ye 24th of August following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of August 1747 And Ending ye 31st of Octob^r following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Jona^th Holly.]

				1746
Benjamin Lee Capt			May	30
Henry Cleaveland	Lieuts			30
Asa Lothrop			June	10
Nathaniel Ripley*	Ensign			12
Willim Dean		Enlisted	July	4
Robert Arnold	Serjeants			17
Willim Stark			June	16
Benedt Sarterly				16
Abijah Ward	Corporals			16
Theophs Fitch				13
Benjn Brooks				16
Seth Carpenter				23
Gideon Joslin	Drummers		July	7
Jonth Case			June	16
Benjn Atwell			July	4
Samel Ashpo			June	18
John Allain				15
Lemuel Backus				10
Robinson Bump				18
John Bryant				17
Samel Backus				23
John Bramble				28
Arthur Bibbins			July	8
Willim Brawdbrooks				9
Benjn Chamberlain			June	9
Joseph Care				10
Josiah Care				10
Zechariah Cutten				16
Jonthn Carver				16
John Chapel				16
Ephraim Clough†				18
Nathan Chappel				18
David Canada				17
David Clark				22
Hugh Campbell				22

*Called Nathan Ripley in another roll.
†Written Couugh in one roll.

Sam^{el} Coy		June	23
Jonth^{n} Cade		July	4
Sam^{el} Carthron			9
John Durkee*		June	17
James Downing			23
John Donegy			28
Mark Eames			16
James Flint			13
Ephraim Fellows			17
Elijah Freeman			18
Eliph^{t} Farnam			18
Ebenez^{r} Fuller		July	4
Ebenez^{r} Gould		June	16
Daniel Gould			18
Richard Givings		July	4
Peleg Harva †		June	9
Elisha Hollibut			10
Ephraim Hewet			15
Daniel Herrington			16
Sam^{el} Herrington			17
John Hibbard			18
Ebenez^{r} Hides			30
Zechariah Jonson	Dead		9
Sam^{el} Jacobs			14
Miles Jordan			16
John Jonson			18
Benjn Jones			25
Stewart Key			16
James Luddington			10
Daniel Luce		July	11
Charles Lewis		June	16
Eliph^{t} Lester			17
Gideon Laurence			28
Lewis Mitchel	Resp^{t}		28
Daniel Mason			18

* Written Durgee on one roll.
† Written Harvey in another roll.

Phinehas Manning		June	10
Isaac Mooch			18
John Miers			24
John Mayo		July	1
Nehemiah Merrils			4
Jonas Nichols	Resp^{t}		4
Solomon Oneshoe*		June	16
Philip Owen	Resp^{t}		16
James Philips			13
Robin Puner			15
Sam^{el} Pike			16
Nath^{el} Pike			18
George Palmer		July	2
Sam^{el} Philips			8
Isaac Park			16
Jonth^{n} Ransford		June	16
John Roundeye			16
Peter Robins	Resp^{t}		16
Ebenez^{r} Stallin			13
Peter Stebbins			16
David Smith			18
John Stanly			20
Moses Smith			30
Palmer Stewart	Resp^{t}		30
John Tinker			9
Jonth^{n} Tuttle			9
Seth Tubbs			10
Sam^{el} Tracy			18
John Tripp			19
Ransford Thomas	Resp^{t}		19
Ebenez^{r} Wright			9
John Welch			10
Sam^{el} Whitmore			17
Jonth^{n} Welch			17
Moses Wentworth			18
Nath^{ll} Walker		July	9

* Written Solomon Owen in one roll.

Colony of Connecticut in New England: New London August 24th 1746 Then Mustered in Capt Benjamin Lee's Company in the Regiment of Foot of which the Honble Elisha William's is Colonel rais'd in the Colony of Connecticut for his Majesty's Service, in an expedition against Canada Viz: One Capt two Lieuts one Ensign, four Serjeants four Corporals two Drummers and Eighty Five Private Men being all effectives the muster being for eighty Seven days Commencing the 30th day of May 1746 and ending the 24th of august following both days Inclusive

Witness our Hands
BENJAMIN LEE
Jno Herpin Commisy HENRY CLEAVELAND
The Above Named Benjamin Lee
Sworn before me
JONTH LAW Govr

[On the back of this roll is the record "Zackariah Johnson Died July ye 9th 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of August 1746 & ending the 24th day of October following Both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Zechariah Jonson.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of October 1746 and ending the 24th day of Decr following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of Decr 1746 and ending the 24th of Febry 1746/7 following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of Febry 1747 and ending the 24th of April following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the pre-

ceding; but with the record "Desertd" against John Bramble, Samel Coy and Samel Jacobs.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of April 1747 and ending the 24th day of June following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of John Bramble, Samel Coy and Samel Jacobs; but with the record "Deserted" against Charles Lewis.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of June 1747 and ending the 24th day of August following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Charles Lewis; but with the record "Deserted" against Joseph Care (which is written a second time, apparently by error for Josiah Care) and Nathel Pike.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of August 1747 and ending the 31st day of October following, both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Josiah Care and Nathel Pike; but with the record "Deserted" against John Bryant, James Downing and Jonthn Welch. On the back of this roll is the record "John Chaple Died Augt 28th 1747."]

		Dates 1746
Robert Denison, Capt		June 10
Gershom Breed	Lieuts	June 19
Roger Billings		June 19
Isaac Jones, Ensign		June 19
Samuel Crocker	Serjeants	Enlisted June 17
Elijah Bordman		June 30
John Whittlesey		July 3
Gideon Comstalk		July 9
Daniel Bellows	Corporals	July 23
William Hodgkin		June 18
Samuel Dudley		July 1
Thomas Wood		July 9

Christopher Stebbins	Drummers	July	23
James Robbin	Drummers	June	18
David Alverson		June	11
Joseph Ayer	Resp^{t}		11
Robert Ashbo			19
Job Andres		July	9
John Ashbo			19
Peter Ayer			24
George Battis	Resp^{t}	June	11
Samuel Billings			18
William Billings J^{r}			30
William Buck		July	1
John Bolles			3
Charles Bennet			12
William Bond			14
Thomas Bettis			24
Abraham Bowdish			24
William Billings			30
Joseph Bowdish		Aug:	8
Bumbawzoo Cochegan		July	1
Samuel Comstalk			3
James Clerk			3
George Chappil			9
Shermon Denison	Resp^{t}	June	11
Andrew Denison			11
Ezra Dodge			15
John Durfey			16
Andrew Davison		July	12
Charles Dempsey		Aug.	8
Nath^{ll} Ethridge		July	14
Henry Frouhunt		June	16
James Fuller			18
John Frances			26
William Goff			15
Cesar Gardner		July	9
James Greenfield			30
Thomas George			30
Samuel Georgaw			30

Gershom Hinkley	Respt	June 11
Chequipe Horscoat		18
Ebenezer Hodgkin		19
Daniel Hodgkin		July 9
Parker Jones		June 16
Simon Jones		18
Edward Jones		18
John Ingham		July 3
Zachery* Johnson		9
Ephraim Johnson		16
Robert Johnston		21
Joseph Indian		30
George Lefavors		June 18
James Lockart		30
Nathel Lucas		July 3
Thomas Minor	Respt	June 11
George Mientom		16
Ely Moses		18
Daniel Meech		30
John Moheegs Jr		30
John Moheegs		July 1
Jonathan Mack		9
John Meeson		12
James Mix		Aug. 4
John Neland		June 11
Steph: Niles	Respt	11
John Negro		July 19
Peter Negro		4
Cornelius Pattin		June 16
John Phelps		23
John Adam Park		30
James Pegon		July 3
Joseph Parrish		9
John Quonney		15
John Quiamps		24
John Robbin		June 19

* Written Zechh in other rolls.

Joseph Reynold	June 26
Caleb Rude	July 9
Joseph Shaddack	June 16
Joseph Stannard	July 3
John Seanoxset	9
William Sobuck	12
Stutely Scranton	12
John Slator	16
Grover Swaddle	29
Samuel Thomas	June 21
John Utter	July 19
Robert Warren	June 16
John Walker	16
Joseph Webucks	18
Jared Wintworth	22
Lambert Williams	July 3
Jacob Wills	12
Zechery* Whipple	19
John Wawhumpit	30
Rufus Yarrington	June 30

Colony of Connecticut, New London Aug: 24, 1746. Then Muster'd in Capt Robert Denison's Company, in the Regiment of Foot of wch The Honble Elisha Williams is Colonel, raisd in the Colony of Connecticut, for his Majesty's Service in an Expedition agst Canada, viz, One Captain, Two Lieuts, One Ensign, Four Serjeants, Four Corporals, Two Drummers, & Eighty Six Private Men, being all Effectives. The Muster being for 76 Days. Comencing ye 10th of June, 1746. And Ending ye 24th of August following, both Days inclusive.

Witness our Hands.

ROBERT DENISON.

JNO HERPIN Commisy GERSHOM BREED

The Above Named Robert Denison

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

* Written Zechh on other rolls.

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comencing ye 25th of August, 1746. And Ending ye 24th of Octr following, both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll are the records "Serjeant John Whittlesey Died Septr 30th 1746 Edward Jones Died Septr 14th 1746."

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comening ye 25th of October, 1746. And Ending ye 24th of December following, both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of John Whittlesey and Edward Jones Daniel Bellows is advanced from first corporal to fourth serjeant and Andrew Denison is advanced from private to fourth corporal, the other serjeant and corporals being also advanced one position. On the back of this roll is the record "George Mientom Died Novr 7, 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comening ye 25th of December, 1746. And Ending ye 24th of February followg, both Days inclusive" contains the same names, and in the same official positions, as the preceding except for the omission of George Mientom.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comencing ye 25th of February, 1746/7. And Ending ye 24th of April following, both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll is the record "Serjeant, Gideon Comstalk Died March 17th 1746/7."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comencing ye 25th of April, 1747. And ending ye 24th of June followg, both Days inclusive" contains the same names except for the omission of Gideon Comstalk. William Hodgkin is advanced from first corporal to fourth serjeant and Joseph Reynold is advanced from private to fourth corporal, the other serjeant and corporals being also advanced one position.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comencing ye 25th of June, 1747. and Ending ye 24th of August followg, both Days inclusive" contains the same names, and in the same official positions, as the preceding; but with the record "Deserted" against Ephraim Johnson, James Pegon and Lambert Williams.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Comencing ye 25th of August, 1747 And ending ye 31st of October followg, both Days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Ephraim Johnson, James Pegon and Lambert Williams.]

			Dates 1746
William Whiting Capt			June 19
Samuel Fitch	Lieuts		June 19
Normand Morison	Lieuts		June 19
Seth Pain Ensign			
Jabez Crocker	Serjeants	Enlisted	June 25
Daniel Cone	Serjeants		July 18
Ebenezer Lyman	Serjeants		July 5
Stephen Andrews	Serjeants		Augt 23
Joseph Truesdell	Corporals		June 30
Thomas Minor	Corporals		Augt 15
Nathaniel Morgan	Corporals		June 26
Samuel Tubbs	Drummers		June 26
Israel Harding	Drummers		June 30
Jedediah Asheraft*			June 26
Henery Ammidown			Augt 6
Joseph Blackman			June 25
Ebenezer Bill			25
Jedediah Bill			25
John Bourn			25
James Bemiss		deserted	27
John Blake			30
Elishab Booge			July 18
Jeremiah Booge			19

* Written Ashseraft in another roll.

James Bill		July	21
Samuel Broughton			29
Joshua Bundy		Aug^{t}	12
Nathaniel Curtiss		July	9
Samuel Cutler			19
Silas Cleaveland			21
John Closson			22
Elias Crofoot		Aug^{t}	6
George Coy	Resp^{t}		6
William Dewey		June	25
Gideon Dike			25
Jacob Dunham			26
Henery Deains			26
Oxenbridge Deains			27
James Deains		July	7
James Davis			21
Andrew Durkee			31
Jonathan Dunham		Aug^{t}	10
Stephen Farnam		July	17
Nathan Fisher			18
Isaac Fox			18
Solomon Grant		Aug^{t}	1
John Grove	Resp^{t}		1
Phinehas Hunt		June	25
John Hogens			26
Nathaniel Hovey			26
Pasco Hadlock			27
Abijah Harriss			27
William Henson		July	1
Benjamin Hatch			14
Constant Hart			23
Pyrus Indian		Aug^{t}	3
Thomas Jones	Resp^{t}		3
Jonathan Knapp		July	18
Elijah Loomiss		June	25
Michael Linsey		July	15
Obadiah Lyon		Aug^{t}	6
Matthew Lackey		June	2

James Lane	Resp^{t}	June	25
William Marsh			26
Ben Mooch			27
Elihu Minor		July	18
Hezekiah Mack			18
Sol Mustee			24
Arthur More	Resp^{t}		24
Peter Norton			28
Andris Nelson		June	6
Joshua Owen		Aug^{t}	9
William Parish		June	25
John Pearl			26
Joseph Preston		July	25
James Puffer		Aug^{t}	1
John Quanney			1
Jabez Rood		June	30
John Reynolds		July	1
Joseph Ross			2
Joseph Rose			31
Gideon Rudd		Aug^{t}	6
Joseph Spearks		June	26
Joseph Stanton		June	26
Ichabod Sabin			30
Beriah Southworth		July	1
Arter Scovel			5
James Staples			21
Joshua Simons			24
Jonathan Simons			24
Abijah Sessions		Aug^{t}	6
Lewis Tattentoun		June	30
John Tubbs			30
Eleazar Tracey		July	1
Isaac Tatten			30
Samuel Teal		Aug^{t}	7
Samuel Throope			11
Amos Thomas	Resp^{t}		11
Jacob Wators		June	25
Phinehas Wright			30

Timothy Washburn	July	9
Thomas Walton		23
Ezekiel Waterman		24
Elisha Wales		28
John Waller	Aug^{t}	6

Colony of Connecticut New London August ye 24th 1746. Then mustered in Capt William Whitings Company in the Regiment of Foot of which the Honble Elisha Williams is Colonel raised in the Colony of Connecticut for his Majestys Service in an Expedition against Canada viz: one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, three Corporals two Drummers, and Eighty four private Men; the Muster being for Sixty seven days Commencing the 19th day of June 1746, and ending the 24th of August following inclusive.

N B. Mathew Lackey & Andris Nelson turn'd over from Col^{o} Williams Comp^{a}. Witness our Hands

WILLIAM WHITING
SAMUEL FITCH

JN^{O} HERPIN Commis^{y}

The above named William Whiting
Sworn before me
JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of August 1746 and ending the 24th of October following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of James Bemiss, and with the addition as fourth corporal of "John Shaw Enlisted Septr 12th" and of "John Abbey Enlisted Septr 20th" as private; but with the record "deserted" against Michael Linsey.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of October 1746, and ending the 24th of December following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Michael Linsey.

On the back of this roll is the record "Gideon Rudd died Novem^{r} ye 21st."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of December 1746. and ending the 24th of February following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Gideon Rudd.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of February 1747. and ending the 24th of April following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of April 1747. and ending the 24th of June following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of June 1747. and ending the 24th of August following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding; but with the record "deserted" against Stephen Andrews and Nathaniel Curtiss.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th day of August 1747. and ending the 31st of October following, both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Stephen Andrews and Nathaniel Curtiss.]

			1746	
Elihu Hall	Captain	Enlisted	June	19
Samuel Sanford 3^{d}	Lieu^{ts}		June	19
John Darling	Lieu^{ts}		July	28
Arthur Woorster	Ensign		June	19
Josiah Stanly	Serjeants		June	15
John Williams	Serjeants			15
Gideon Washbond	Serjeants		July	7
Israel Isbell	Serjeants			2

Jonathan Blakeslee	Corporals	July	9
Ebenezer Sexton		June	15
Nathan Baldwin			30
Jesse Wheeler		July	7
Samuel Culver Jr	Drummers	June	13
Amasai Merriman		July	26
John Alling		June	27
Benjamin Aley		July	2
Phinehas Beach		June	15
Stephen Beach			15
John Brown			16
Benjamin Bates			24
Hezekiah Brackett			28
Job Brackett			30
John Brackett Jr			30
Peter Barnett			30
Abner Bachelor			30
Thomas Beach			24
Samuel Beach		July	1
Joseph Baldwin			2
Henry Bates			7
John Cole Jur		June	15
Uzziel Cook			15
George Cornelius			21
Isaac Clinton	Desd		24
Stephen Curtiss Jr*			27
Timothy Cole		July	1
Daniel Collens			3
Waitstill Cook			12
Azor Curtiss		July	21
Samuel Clinton		June	30
Jacob Collens		Augt	14
Charles Dutton		June	24
John Darrow			25
Benjamin Ford		June	23
Noah Frisbee		July	1

*The Jr is omitted in the latest roll.

Joseph Frizell		July	1
Benjamin Fox			7
Francis Green		Aug^{t}	3
Benjamin Hall 2^{d}		June	24
William Hodgkin			28
George Hubbard		July	7
Robert Hawkins			7
Eliphelet Hotchkiss		July	7
Robin Indian		June	23
Pompey Indian			25
James Juriss			27
Hezekiah Lewis			23
Benedict Lilinston			30
Christopher Lee		July	3
John Morriss			1
Jonathan Moss			7
Joseph Mawee		July	7
Ebenez^{r} Merriam			12
Thomas Merchant			1
Joseph Morgan			15
Stephen Miles			18
Solomon Moss J^{r}		Aug^{t}	1
Adam Negro		June	10
Charles Negro		July	1
John Newton		June	30
Samuel Oviat			30
Moses Parker			15
Isaac Preston			25
John Plumb		July	3
Hezekiah Parish			11
Ebenezer Preston		Aug^{t}	1
James Pangburn			18
Abial Robbards J^{r}		June	25
Abijah Ruggles		July	1
Benjamin Street			7
Elijah Smith		June	15
Josiah Smith	Des^{d}	July	21
Titus Tyler		July	1

Phinehas Turrell		July	3
Henry Tomutt		June	15
Young Tobee		July	3
Cyder Tom			14
Elnathan Tayler			9
Israel Thomas			3
Joseph Tainter			7
John Tillison			14
Asa Upson		June	25
Benjamin Wantwood			16
Charles Walter			28
Jonathan Whiticus		July	7
Tom Will			8
John Wheedon			16
Stephen Wade			30
John Wheeland		Aug^{t}	7
James Vandermark		June	25
Samuel Humphrey		July	7
John Hall 5th	Resp^{t}		
Elihu Hall J^{r}	Resp^{t}		
Tom Tantarro	Resp^{t}		
Tobit Ziklag	Resp^{t}		
Oxford Humbird	Resp^{t}		
Robin Coniah	Resp^{t}		

Connecticut New London August 24th 1746 Then mustered in Captain Elihu Halls Company in the Regiment of Foot of which the Honorable Elisha Williams is Colonel raised for his Majesties Service in an Expedition against Canada viz: one Captain 2 Lieutenants one Ensign 4 Serjeants 4 Corporals 2 Drummers and 84 Private men being all Effective, the Muster being for 67 Days Commencing the 19th Day of June 1746 and Ending the 24th Day of August following Inclusive.

Witness our hands
ELIHU HALL
JN^{O} HERPIN Comm^{y} SAM^{EL} SANFORD Y^{E} 3^{D}
The above named Elihu Hall
Sworn before me
JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of August 1746 and ending the 24th of October following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Isaac Clinton and Josiah Smith.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of Octobr 1746 and ending the 24th of Decembr following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding. On the back of this roll is the record "James Vandermark died Octobr 28. 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day of Decembr 1746 & Ending the 24th of February following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of James Vandermark.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of February 1746/7 and ending the 24th of April 1747 both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th of April 1747 and ending the 24th of June following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding; but with the record "Deserted" against Nathan Baldwin, Abner Bachelor and Benedict Lilinston. On the back of this roll is the record "Jonathan Moss died April 30th 1747."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "commencing the 25th day of June 1747 and ending the 24th day of August following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Nathan Baldwin, Abner Bachelor, Benedict Lilinston and Jonathan Moss. Elnathan Tayler is advanced from private to fourth cor-

poral, the other corporal being advanced one position. On the back of this roll is the record "Samuel Culver Jr Drumr Died July 31st 1747."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding; for the period "Commencing the 25th of August 1747. and Ending the 31st of October following both Days Inclusive" contains the names as the preceeding except for the omission of Samuel Culver Jr and John Morriss. Daniel Collens is advanced from private to second drummer, the other drummer being advanced to first position.]

		Enlisted 1746
Joseph Wooster Capt		June 19
Daniel Belden	Lieuts	June 19
Eliakim Roberson	Lieuts	June 19
James Mead Ensign		June 19
Josiah Walker	Serjnts	June 30
Caleb Brown	Serjnts	July 3
Joseph Hunn	Serjnts	4
Thads Mead	Serjnts	June 30
Timothy Allin	Corpals	June 30
Frances Fletcher	Corpals	July 4
Jonathn Whelpley	Corpals	21
Silas Chatman	Corpals	Augt 4
Thos Roberson	Drumers	July 27
Thos Hieat	Drumers	July 25
John Adington		June 30
Peter Adams		July 3
Jonathn Atterton		4
Caleb Atterton		19
Edward Blakeman		June 27
Nathn Beach		28
Andw Beardslee		30
Thos Brown		30
Willim Blakeman		July 2
Joseph Bouten		3
John Bouten		3
James Beardslee		4

Benjn Blakeman		July	5
Moses Brackit			
David Baxter			7
Jno Barton	Resp^{t}		
Josiah Bassit			21
Nath^{n} Clark		July	3
Jno Chops			8
Sam^{ll} Close			25
Gideon Deolf		July	1
James Dursey	Resp^{t}		
Richard Dorrow		Aug^{t}	2
Henry Enman		July	1
Christop^{r} Elliot			10
John French		July	4
Eben^{r} Foot			
Benjn Fairchild			11
Isaac Frost			16
Elnath^{n} Griffin		July	1
Stephen Grannis			
Charles German			
Sam^{ll} Garlup	Resp^{t}		
Jno Griffin			7
Joseph Hotchkies		June	27
Bethel Hecocks			30
Benaj^{h} Hurd		July	4
Enos Hobby			7
David Henryson			8
David Hendrick			23
Nath^{el} Joslin		June	27
Henry Judson			30
Harry Indian			
John Jurdin		July	2
Benjn Lattin			2
Nath^{ll} Marvin		June	30
Sam^{ll} Munn			30
John Mills		July	1
Richard Murch			7
David Murson	Resp^{t}		

Zacheus Mallery		July	14
Indus Mancherow			
Sam^{ll} Mosier			16
David Munrow			19
John Northrup		July	1
Thos Northrup			
Simon Negro	Desart^{d}		23
John Oatman		July	4
Jessee Persons		June	30
Sam^{el} Perry			
Isaac Palmer		July	1
Willm Persons			
Richard Portman			
Enos Potter			25
John Rushuck		July	2
Daniel Runchepash			7
Alex^{r} Slone		June	30
Joseph Smith		July	1
John Sealah			4
Peter Shase			5
Thos Sherman			8
Silas Scarriot			15
Isaac Sherwood			16
Joseph Story			18
James Smith			25
Mathew Smith			
Peter Suckanuch		Aug^{t}	22
Dan^{el} Tucker		July	1
Thos Terlit	Resp^{t}		
Daniel Turril			8
Frances Willmut		June	30
Nath^{n} Whelpley			
Joseph Warbler	Resp^{t}		
John Wright		July	1
Jacob Wakelee			4
Eben^{r} Wakelee			
Nath^{ll} Wescote			5
James Way			18
May Way			

Colony of Connecticut. New London Augt 24th 1746. Then Muster^{d} in Capt Joseph Woosters Company in ye Regim^{t} of Foot of which the Honble Elisha Williams is Colonel rais^{d} for his Majesties Service in an Expedition against Canada Viz. One Capt Two Lieu^{ts} One Ensign Four Serjeants Four Corpora^{ls} Two Drummers and 82 private Men being all Effectives. The Muster being for 67 Days Commencing the 19th Day of June 1746. And ending the 24th of August following Inclusive.

As Witness our Hands

JOSEPH WOOSTER Capt

JN^{O} HERPIN Commis^{y} DANIEL BELDEN Lieu^{t}

The above named Joseph Wooster

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th Day August 1746, and ending the 24th of Octob^{r} following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding, except for the omission of Simon Negro, and also the following in addition:

	Enlisted
Edwd Dailey	Septr 16
Stephen Mead	Octr 10
John Perry	Septr 18

On the back of this roll are the records "Nath^{n} Clark Dec^{d} Septr 24th 1746 Edward Dayley Desart^{d} Octr 22^{d} 1746."]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing the 25th of Octob^{r} 1746 and ending ye 24th of December following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding except for the omission of Nath^{n} Clark and Edwd Dailey.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of Decem^{r} 1746. And ending ye 24th of Feby following both Days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of Feb^r 1746/7 and ending ye 24th of April following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of April 1747. And ending ye 24th of Ju^e following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of June 1747 And ending ye 24th of Augt following both days inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

[A roll of this company, made out and certified in form similar to the preceding, for the period "Commencing ye 25th of Augt 1747 and ending ye 31st of Octr following both days Inclusive" contains the same names as the preceding.]

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

Decr 2^d 1747

H^d S^r

I having seen a Letter Lately Written by y^r Honour to ye Deputy Govr and ye Dep Gov^rs answer to y^r Hon^r in which it seemed y^t Govr Clyntons Request would be Complyed with of Raising a Number of men in this Goverment for their service to Guard their Fruntears: and what I am Going further to write I must ask your Honours Pardon before a write it in pretending to Dictate to y^r Hon^r but my Love & Pitty to my Brethren is my only Inducement Hearto and as I Doubt not but your Hon^rs Hearty Concern for ye subjects of this Goverment will Induce you to Gain all Reasonable Priveledges for them and I having ye Presant year been att albony while ye soldiers were there and some officers & soldiers of my Particeler acquaintance in which I suppose I had vary True Inteligence of ye Grate abuses ye soldiers suffered by ye English officers who had been Used to treet soldiers ten fold worse than we treet our

Dogs as was ye treetment of soldiers in albony ye year Pased by New york officers some of them att Least. They would by sentence of Court marshal for small Petty transgressions Whip a soldier 5 or 600 stripes and on some to 1500: five hundred in a morning 3 mornings successively. and Govr Clynton will Doubtless have them same Mercyless Creatures now in office and so those who are under them meet with ye same treetment but since Govr Clynton must think it a Grate favour in your Honour to allow ye Request your Hono^r will Doubtless have it in your own Power to fix your own Terms. I would Pray your Honour in ye behalf of those who may be Called to Go that they may be under No other Authority in ye Goverment but his Excelency and ye officers which go from hearr: and I Presume y^t ye soldiers will not Inlist except they Can be Encouraged y^t they shall be saved from falling into those Inhumane hands who have been like Beasts of Prey in their behaviour more then like Christians and if this Priveledg Can be obtained if your Honour Dont find better men then myself I am willing to Go and should y^r Honour give me ye offer, it is Probable I shall undertake in ye affair: but if we must be Entirely under their field officers I have no Inclination to go

from y^r Hono^s most obedi^t serv^t

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To His Hon^r JON^A LAW Esqr Govr &c att Milford

[Indorsed] Cap^tn Churchs of Dec^br 2 rec^d 5th 1747

SAMUEL WELLES TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Decr 2^d 1747.

Honourable Sir,

I this day rec^d a letter from Mr President Clap inclosing one for London desiring me to forward it, & withall telling me that your Honour had sent or was sending a Packet for me to forward to the Colonys agent in London, I take this opportunity to inform you, that I have not rec^d the Packet, & that if you have one or duplicates, there will be in a

short time two very good opportunitys by the two expresses Govr Shirley & Govern^{r} Knowles have concluded to send with their dispatches.

This express brings the Resolutions of the General Court here. They have not agreed to every Particular, but yet so far that the expedition may well go on, & our safety so much depends upon it that I can't but hope it will, I very well know there are great difficultys in the way, especially to this Province, but I cannot but apprehend there are greater in neglecting it, where we shall get either men or money is very hard to say, but it is not so with Connecticot, they have a great many men, & the high price of Provisions, & very much on acco^{t} of this Expected Expedition, will fill you with money, & if your Governt & we can be so wise as to make no more bills even this Expedition will rather help than hurt the bills, I am

Sir your most obed^{t} hum^{le} Servt

SAMUEL WELLES

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govern^{r} &c In Milford.

[Indorsed] Mr Saml Welles rec^{d} Dec^{br} 9th 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Decem^{r} 2^{d} 1747

Sir

Since my last to Your Honour Mr Knowles & I have receiv'd a Letter from Govr Clinton, wherein he acquaints us that he has hitherto paid the Levies of his own Governm^{t} Maryland, Virginia, & Pensilvania after the Rate of 6^{d} Sterl^{g} ℔ day over & above their Provisions, wch have been allow'd 'em, & that he shall pay 'em the Remainder now due to 'em at the same Rate: Whereupon Mr Knowles & I think the Rate of paying the Massachusetts, New Hampshire, & Rhode Island levies, as also of the Connecticutt Levies untill the time of their being dismiss'd last Winter, is so far fix'd by Mr Clinton's having proceeded thus in paying off the Western Levies, that we think any Abatement in the

Pay of the New England Levies, or Stoppage for Provisions or billeting Money allow'd 'em by the Colonies, wôd raise the utmost Discontent among the Soldiers here, & be greatly prejudicial to his Majesty's Service in New England upon any future Expedition, & we have therefore determin'd that the Levies of the beforemention'd New Engl^{d} Colonies shall be paid off at the Rate of 6^{d} a day Sterling clear of Stoppages for Provisions or billeting Money allow'd by those Governm^{ts}, wch Determination we the more readily come into, as we find it is agreeable to the general Opinion of the Governours concern'd in the Expedition; & I now acquaint You with it that the Men may be paid at the Rate of 6^{d} Sterling a day untill the time of their being dismiss'd in the last Winter clear of any Stoppage for Provisions found 'em by Your Colony.

And as to the Officers in general Mr Knowles & I have determin'd that they shôd be paid after the same Rate with other Officers of like Rank in the King's Army upon the British Establishment: And Mr Knowles & I have accordingly sign'd Certificates wch he has left wth me blank, to intitle the Several Officers to their Pay according to the times of their Actual Service. And notwithstanding my late letter to Your Honour upon this Head, if You think proper to send me the Accounts of Your Charges, Enlistments &c according to the Duke of Newcastle's Directions, as express'd in mine & Mr Knowles' Joint letter to You, to be transmitted home; I will endeavour to ease both the Officers & Soldiers in the Affair, being perfectly desirous of doing every thing in my Power for their Benefit, consistent with the Trust repos'd in me & Mr Knowles by the Crown: And I desire Your Answer as soon as may be, whether Your Honour intends to send the Accounts &^{c} or not, that I may write to his Grace accordingly.

Mr Knowles & I observe in the Accounts of some of the Colonies, Medicines charg'd, & Expences in taking Care of the Sick; for satisfying wch we wôd advise You, to make a Deduction of three pence Sterling ℔ Month out of the Pay of private Men, four pence ℔ Month from the Cor-

porals, & Six pence from the Serjeants to pay it; as I shall do from the Noncommission Officers & private Men rais'd within this Government: For we don't think any thing will be allow'd for it by the Crown, as it is usual to provide for it by Deductions from the Men

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most Obedient

Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

Govr LAW

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Dec^br 2^d rec^d 9th 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON, Decem^r 3. 1747

Sir,

I herewith send your Honour a Copy of the Resolutions of the General Court of this Province upon the Agreement of their Commissioners with those of the Colonies of New York & Connecticut (at their Meeting in the City of New York) concerning the Prosecution of the War: You will find that this Court have agreed to all the most material Parts of the Report; as to those Articles, which relate to the procuring a Force by Sea to act by way of Diversion, altho' it should not be agreed to by the several Assemblies, yet the several Governours with the Advice of their respective Councils may solicit his Majesty for the Assistance of some of his Ships of War to proceed up Canada River about the time of the Expedition, for attacking that part of the Country, or at least to make a Diversion, and there is good reason to think that they may obtain them; And as soon as the Expedition is concluded on I shall write home accordingly: As to the Amendment made upon the Article of supplying New York with 400 Men, I am persuaded your Honour will think the Alteration made in our Resolves is both reasonable & necessary; this Province having undertook to furnish a much greater Number of Men than their Proportion, and that the Number assign'd to Connecticut is

much below their Proportion; Besides the great Numbers of Men in this Province lost by Sickness & War; And the great Demands of Soldiers for the Defence of our large Frontiers render it in a manner impossible for us to furnish the four hundred Men for New York, and highly unreasonable for the other Governments to expect it from us: As your Commissioners have returned to your Governm^t^ the Articles of Agreem^t^ it is unnecessary to send you a Copy from hence; but you will easily find by comparing those Articles with the Resolves, I now send you, how far we have accepted the Agreement. I must desire your Honour to lay the Matter before your Assembly, as soon as possible, and to dispatch hither an Account of their Determinations in this Affair, that we may lose as little time as may be in our Preparations for the Expedition.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most Humble Servant

W. SHIRLEY

The hon^ble^ JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's Dec^br^ 3 1747 rec^d^ 9th

RESOLVES OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay }

In the House of Represent^ves^ October 30. 1747

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Commissioners respecting the Expedition against the french Fort at Crown Point, and come into the following Resolutions upon the several Articles in said Report, vizt

1st Upon the first Article, Resolv'd that the House agree to said Article, Provided the Governm^t^ of New York & Connecticut shall agree to the Amendm^ts^ that may be propos'd by this Court upon the several subsequent Articles.

2^d^ Resolv'd that the House agree to the second Article.

3^d^ Resolv'd that the House agree to the third Article.

4th Resolv'd that the House agree to the fourth Article.

5 Resolv'd that the House agree to the fifth Article so far as respects the Number of Men to be paid by this Government; provided the four hundred Men propos'd to be rais'd in this Governmt & paid by New York, be rais'd in the Government of Connecticut, That part which relates to the keeping the Garrison the House do not agree to, being of Opinion it will not be for his Majesty's Service the Fort should be preserv'd (if taken) but be forthwith demolished.

6th Resolv'd that the House agree to the sixth Article.

7th Resolv'd that the House agree to the seventh Article with this Amendment, vizt Provided the Governmts of New York & Connecticut shall first agree to the Amendments upon this Report, propos'd by this Government.

8 Resolv'd that the House agree to the eighth Article with the same Proviso as in the seventh.

9 Resolv'd that the House do not agree to the ninth Article.

10th Resolv'd that the House agree to the tenth Article.

11 Resolv'd that the House do not agree to the eleventh Article, it appearing to them that the River St Lawrence is not usually navigable at such time as the Forces may probably be at Crown Point.

12 Resolv'd that the House agree to the twelfth Article except so far as relates to the garrisoning the Fortress if taken.

Resolv'd that the House agree to the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth & seventeenth Articles.

Sent up for Concurrence
T. Hutchinson Spkr

In Council Decr 1. 1747. Read and Concur'd
J. Willard Secry

Consented to, W. Shirley

Copy examined ℘ J. Willard Secry

[Indorsed by Law] Resolves of Assembly at Boston Octobr 30th 1747 recd Decbr 9th

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Decr 3. 1747

Sir,

I laid before the Assembly of this Province your Honour's Letter relating to the Memorial of the Inhabitants of Woodstock, & other Towns of this Province bordering on your Colony, with the Vote of your Genl Court thereupon; And the Matter now lies under the Consideration of a Comtee of both Houses; When they make Report, I shall inform you further.

At the desire of our Assembly, I must request your Honour to give Orders that fifteen Soldiers be sent as soon as possible out of your Governmt for the Protection of Stockbridge and posted there; The said Men to be paid by your Governmt & subsisted by this; Our Canada Soldiers being withdrawn from thence, & ye Place left wholly naked.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most Obedient

& most Humble Servt

W SHIRLEY

The honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's of Decbr 3d recd 9th 1747

JOSIAH WILLARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Sir,

I herewith inclose a Vote of the Assembly of this Province to request his Excellency our Governor to send to your Government to desire that they would order fifteen Soldiers to Stockbridge for the Defence of that Place & Places adjacent. The Governor of this Province has written to Governor Laws accordingly; And it is at the Instance of divers of the Council here that I now acquaint your Honor with this Matter Hoping that it may be a Means of expediting the Affair.

I am with due Respects Sir,

Your Honors most obedient

Humble Servant

J WILLARD

BOSTON Decemr 3. 1747.

Lieut. Govr WOLCOT

SAMUEL WELLES TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON, Decr 4, 1747

Sir,

I have the Honour of yours of Octobr 23d from N. Haven & am very glad to see your approbation of the Comissioners Report. It was the best we could come to, which would pass the Comissioners from every Governmt, thô I truly think & did so in the time of it, & so exprest myself, that Connecticot Proportion was too low, but your Comissioners would agree to no more, alledging they had no opportunity of Consulting or receiving direction from, the assembly on the affair.

I have sent a Copy which one of my son's some time ago, drew, of the Result at New York, & by that & a Copy of the Resolutions of Our Genl Court upon it which comes with it, you will see, we are come into the substance of it; As to the 400 men in New York pay, the Court apprehend it impossible to raise them here & the 1800 men they have voted; & indeed it was very much the opinion of the Comissioners, when together, that they must be raised in Connecticot or some other Governmt & not here, & therefore thô in the Resolutions of the Court, you see it said, provided the 400 men paid by N. York be raised in Connecticut, it will be agreeable to us, if they are raised in N. York or any other Governmt

The excessive expence of men & money in this Province, only to defend our large frontier & that of N. Hampshire (which is indeed the frontier of all the Kings subjects & Interest in North America) is such, that it is impossible to do much more or indeed to continue the burthen we have already, it must not therefore be wondered at; that we make a difficulty of doing what some may expect, Our ability is not equal to our inclination.

I am much concerned how we shall grapple with what we have agreed to supply, we have lost a great number of our men, & must beside these 1800 have a great many in pay to defend our maritime & inland frontiers, where they will be had is very hard to say & how they will be paid

as hard, should we pretend to strike off more bills, there is great Danger, that what we have already, & those we shall make too, would lose their Currency & be good for nothing; I hope therefore, that the method with you and us too, will be to borrow, or gather in the money necessary, by a tax; for it will be equally pernicious for one Governm^t as for the other to Issue bills, as they pass promiscuously, I know it will be easy for your Governm^t to gather in the money by a tax, a great part of the Charge will be for provisions you abound with, but the great price Provisions bear, & the circumstances of our Province make it very difficult for us to do it, these are distressing considerations to this Province, & scarce any thing could be more so, but the great danger there is, if we sit still & let Crown point fort remain in the hands of the french, that we shall finally lose our lives & Country too; By the blessing of God, we may help ourselves now, but if we neglect the opportunity & are indolent, I dont expect it will be in our power long.

Perhaps some may think it a difficulty that our Court have not come into the article of applying for a naval force, but I apprehend it of little consequence, for doubt not but Govr Shirleys application with that of the Govern^t of Ne York & Connecticot will easily obtain it, the express waits & I will say nothing further but that I am glad your Court has appointed you to meet at middletown; not only because it will be for the Public good to have a skillful Pilot in a difficult time, but because the Court happened yesterday to appoint me for one to meet there also, which the Court prepose should be on the 20th of January next, Col^l Hale is appointed the other, I am with a very high respect,

Your obed^t Hum^l Servt

SAMUEL WELLES

Govr Wolcot

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

Decr 8th 1747

Hd Sr

having Recd yr Honours Dated Decr 7 in Which I am Informed yt Mr Tarwin* is Gone to new york to Receive orders from Govr Clinton to Inlist men for his service and yr Honour Informs me yt you Expect to Receive Blanks from Govr Clinton to be filled up with such Names as yr Honour thinks Proper I am this Instant Going on my Journey to Boston not Intending to Tarry so long but so as to get home ye Latter End of next week have sent my son to wait yr Honrs Pleasure Concerning ye motion I made in my former of Decr 2d and if yr Honr thinks Proper to fill one of ye Blanks with my name I shall Endevour to ye utmost to answer yr Honours Expectation in my fulfiling ye trust Reposed in me: Concerning a Lieut if yr honr should think fit to give me ye Post of Capt I should be Glad to Nominate to yr Honour a Proper Parson I conclude Mr Tarwin* will Return this week expect my son will on his Return be able to Give me ye Knowledg of yr Honrs Pleasure: They are now Inlisting men in this Goverment by officers from albany with success & I expect if no Restraint they will Proceed fourther

from yr Honors Humble & obedient
Servt to Commd
JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To The Honble Jonathan Law Govr
Att Milford In Connecticut
[Indorsed] Capt Church Decbr 16 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Milford 10br 10 1747

Sr

Yours of 9br 27th I recd I sent Mr Farrand to N York wth an Acct of the Encouragement given by you and Mr Pitkin who returnd last night with beating Orders. the Govr

* Probably the Mr Farrand mentioned in the letter next following.

writes he has sent to Albany to know what Success his beating Orders have had for thirteen Companies, whereof seven have obtaind and in Case he should want will send me an Acc^{t} and would freely favour your Son. The money is not to be paid till the Capt^{ns} arrive att Albany with their Companies

Yesterday I rec^{d} a Paquett &c from Govr Shirley. That Gov^{t} have acceeded to the Com^{rs} Agreement with divers Amendments one of which is, That Conecticutt will grant the 400 men wch they were to raise for New York. and the whole on Condition That N York and Conecticutt concurr with them and moves for the Consideration of our Assembly. I have had two Letters from Govr Clinton since he told me That part of the Legislature had come into part of it and that when they did approve of it, he would give me Notice, in wch Letters he sais not a word ab^{t} it and has since dissolvd the Assembly and gone into measures for the Protection of Albany, when he informs me of their Concurrence with Boston I determine to call our Assembly and the Express is gone forward to N York and the Jerseys and Govr Shirley expects an Answer by him on his Return.

Govr Shirley conceeds to allow the Kings pay with out the Stoppage for Provisions Govr Clinton having done so for the Southern forces, but yet insists on their being dischargd above a year agone and sais there should be a Stoppage of 3^{d} Sterling ℔ month for a private man 4^{d} for a Corporal and 6^{d} for a Serj^{t} for Medicines &c. if it be so the men will have no advantage by it and we who have paid the charge of the sick shall loose it if it be not chargd with the Demands we have on the Crown. other Gov^{ts} he sais have charg'd it, but it will never be allowd in any other form but by taking it out of the wages which Sum should be reservd for the Gov^{t} I wish Coll^{l} Williams was acquainted with it or some measures could be taken about it. and he sais notwithstanding his and Knowls's late Letter he would have my Answer whether I will send the Acc^{ts} of the whole Charge as he sais the Duke of New Castle directed him. the s^{d} Acc^{ts} are not gone. and only those which were clearly

promisd by ye D of New Castle and Collr W said that you and he were of that mind and suspected it was movd with no good Intent to ye Souldiers.

He also sends for fifteen men to garison att Stockbridge which is left defenceless now the Kings Troops are dismissd and he will find provisions, I thôt it needful for you to send them if the Comtee have Authority given them and this is the special Occasion of this Express

Its reported That Lieuts under Albany Captns are enlisting men in the Govt*

An Association is forming in Pensylvania for yr Defence of which we have large Accts in the Philadelphia paper. Its to be feard ye loss of Bergen up zone is too certain

I am Sr Your humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Govr Wolcott Novbr† 10th 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Decembr 12 1747

Sr

Yours of the 3d Instant I recd I have directed the Comtee of Warr to send ye 15 men you desired to Stockbridge. As to the Conclusions of your Assembly abt ye Crown point Expedition I dont see any Advantage by calling an Assembly till N. York comes into the Agreement Govr Clinton upon my informing him of our Legislature's ratifying it on Condition of the two other Govts acceeding to it, he let me know That part of their Legislature came into part of it, and when they did, he would give me Notice of it, and I have had two Letters or more since in which he sais nothing about it. he movd for Liberty to raise three

*A copy of this letter which Governour Law has "Crossd", and so marked, contains the following sentence. "Its reported here That one Dickson as a Lieut under a Capt at Albany and some others are enlisting men."

†An error for December.

or more Companies for the Defence of Albany and being apprehensive of the danger of Albany under the confusd Circumstances of that Gov^{t} I did by an Express give him all the Encouragement I could and the very night after I rec^{d} your Excellencies he returnd with beating Orders for one Company, with an Account that he had sent out to know how many of the thirteen Companies were to be had there, and then, I should know further.

With respect to sending an Acc^{t} of our Disbursements on the Intended Expedition against Canada I did think and some others also, best at present to send only that wch I took to be within the express Encouragement given by his Maj^{ty} signifyd by ye D of New Castle Viz Armes Cloathing and Wages, and as for the Residue to bear it our selves and when we find the burthen too heavy for us, to make our humble Address to his Maj^{ty} for Relief as in the Case of Cape Breton. Coll^{l} Williams I suppose is on his Journey with what is sent by him and that wch your Excellency mentions last, about a Stoppage for Medicines &c, I think it was not thôt of when the Coll^{l} was here, and would pray you would putt that matter in its just light. That Article has been far more expensive to us than that will repay. let it be added to our Demands on the Crown

And as to the Article of ye Discharge of the Kings Troops neither you nor we did ever look upon it to be within our Province to discharge them. the finding them with Provisions was at our own Arbitrament, which we did so long as we apprehended might be for his Maj^{ties} Interest. and thô they were under a necessity of subsisting themselves yet accounted themselves holden by his Maj^{ty} and dischargd from all our Services, and we allways practiced accordingly. I look upon our people to be rational and free agents as all true Englishmen are and under the Gov^{t} of Rule and Reason thô multitudes of our fellow men are actuated only by Terror as beasts or Slaves. I fear it will be disheartening for men to engage themselves in his Maj^{ties} Service and alwayes stand ready to obey his

Comands if the terms on wch they obligd themselves be not complyd with even till his Majty sees fitt to discharge them

& remain your Excellencies
humble obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

Govr SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley 10br 12 1747

[Although in a different handwriting and now separated from it, it seems certain that this postscript belongs with the preceding letter.]

P S When I closd my Letter I was in Continual Expectation of the Return of your Express and Omitted taking Notice of the main part of yours of the 2d Instant. being more at Leisure I take leave to Observe to your Excellency, that Governour Clintons Practice cant alter the Nature of things so that in case ther was due from the Crown to his Majesties Soudiers here, but two pence Sterling per diem it should now be just for his Majesty to pay 6d per diem and I hope your Excellency will see it to be as great A Mistake and as much beyond the bounds of Reason and justice to cut them off from about thre quarters of their time of Service as it would have been to have stopped two thirds of the wages by the day. I have not a penny Interest in the Case: and ask your Pardon for Repeating to you That I never so much as dreamd that I My self or the goverment ever had any Right or Authority to Disband or Discharge the troops inlisted into his Majesties Service on the intended Expedition and he that Makes no Distinction betwe'n A Furlow and a Discharge will bring such a Confusion on proper Termes as will render Language a useless thing. The Assembly desird me to Advise the Coll1 to offer a Furlow to his men till further Order from his Majesty. The Asembly Undertaking for the Support of such only as were sick and unable to go to their own homes and unless his Majesty would have Subsisted them. Necssity (which has no law) drove them to seek their own bread yet Accounted themselves holden by the Enlistment

to his Majesties Service and it was then my Opinion and your Excellencies and remains to be still your own and Governour Knowlis Judgement by your Discharging them on the 31 of October last.

JONTH LAW

I have herewith inclosd a Copy of yours of the 2d Instant Concluding it was Accidentally put up with the Original.

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Gover Shirley December 12th 1747

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston December the 22d 1747

Sir

Five days ago Colonel Williams deliver'd me your Letter of the 20th of last November with attested Copies of the Resolves of the General Assembly of your Colony for raising a thousand Men for his Majesty's Service in the late intended Expedition agst Canada, and of their Appointment of Field Officers, Captains, and Subalterns, as also of the Muster Rolls of the Several Companies from the 30th day of May 1746 to the 31st of October 1747 all Sworne to before you and Certify'd by you under the Seal of the Colony. Besides which Colonel Williams deliver'd me a Copy of a resolve of the General Assembly pass'd the second Thursday in October 1746 Attested by the Secretary of the Colony, whereby your Honour is desir'd to advise the Colonel of the Regiment to offer a Furlow to the Soldiers that they might retire to their respective places of abode untill they should have his Majesty's Orders for Mustering again &ca. In pursuance of which advice Colonel Williams informs me they did retire to their respective Homes and have continued there ever since.

I had heard an imperfect account of this matter before; which I mention'd in a Letter to you, dated the 29th of October and that it was a Circumstance, which, if true, would raise such a difficulty with respect to Mr Knowles

and my Settling the Pay of the Connecticut Regiment, that we desir'd your Honour would be pleas'd to do it; for that we must decline it: And I appriz'd you in the same Letter that Mr Knowles design'd to go to his Command at Jamaica in about a fortnight;

I was in hopes that upon your receiving that Letter you would have consider'd and settled the matter your self; or if you had declin'd doing it, that you would have transmitted the necessary Papers for Mr Knowles and my Consideration, before his Departure, and let us know that you would not intermeddle in it; For it appears from the Extract of the Duke of Newcastles Letter, of the 30th of last May to me, which we sent you inclos'd, that the buisness of settling the terms for the discharging of the Troops was Committed to us *jointly*, and that neither of us could Act by himself in it

However as I was very desirous of easing the matter for the Officers and Men rais'd in your Colony as much as I possibly could, and in hopes that the Circumstances of their Case might upon my Examining into 'em have been found such, as might have put 'em upon a foot with the Levies of the other Colonies, I desir'd you, notwithstanding Mr Knowles was gone, to transmit me the Muster Rolls and other Acts of your Assembly relating to the Troops, that I might inspect 'em and see what I could do; But I find their Case to be so different from that of the other Levies, as that I dare not take upon myself to determine in the matter without Mr Knowles; and all that I can do, must at last be to represent the Case for his Majesty's Consideration, in as favourable a light as I can, which I shall do: And in the mean time as you have advis'd this dismission of the Men 'till they should receive his Majesty's Orders for Mustering again, which occasions the difficulty, I must lave the matter intirely with your self.

There is another Circumstance, which likewise lays a difficulty in my way: His Majesty, as you must perceive by the Extract of the Duke of Newcastles Letter sent you, order'd Mr Knowles and me as soon as we could meet

together, to discharge the Troops in his Name; and in Obedience to those Commands we sent a written Discharge of the Troops to all the Governours concern'd in the late Expedition, in order to have it Publish'd in such manner, as they should think most proper among the Troops within their respective Governments; wch was done by all of 'em except your self, who have refus'd to do it: Now, if as you inform me, your Government has not either Intentionally, Literally or Constructively, dismiss'd the Levies of your Colony out of his Majesty's Service; and you will not cause Mr Knowles's and my Discharge of 'em, in pursuance of his Majesty's express Orders to us, to be Publish'd within your Government; what can be done in the Case, but to leave these matters with you, who have thus taken 'em upon your self: especially as you give me to understand in your Letter that you are dissatisfy'd at his Majesty's Signifying his Orders to you by any Person but the Duke of Newcastle, and have refus'd to comply with 'em in the point of discharging the Men, when transmitted to you by Mr Knowles and me: It is owing to your not being perfectly acquainted with the Motions of the Enemy in Nova Scotia that you ascribe the departure of de Ramsy to the Destruction of the French fleets. For de Ramsy, who had pitch'd his Tents in sight of his Majesty's Garrison at Annapolis Royal about September 1746 retir'd to Menis upon the arrival of the first 300 Men I sent from hence about the same time, and of his Majesty's Ship Chester sent by Mr Warren and continued at Menis six weeks after the departure of the first French Fleet under the Comand of the late Duke d'Enville and 'till I sent the last Reinforcement from hence in the Winter to Annapolis; upon the News of which he retir'd from Menis to Schiegnecto, and our Troops thereupon took possession of Menis in the latter end of December or beginning of January and continued there 'till they were surpriz'd by the Enemy in the beginning of February; within a few days after which the Enemy retir'd again to Schiegnecto and confin'd themselves to that District, 'till de Ramsay return'd to Canada, which was before the last French Armament

under Mr de la Jonquiere was met with and taken by Admiral Anson and Admiral Warren, or at least before Mr de Ramsay could possibly have News of it; a party of the New Engld Forces having in the mean time taken repossession of Menis and brought the Deputies there to renew their Oaths of Fidelity before Mr Mascarene

I can't take upon me to recollect what Expressions might drop from me in my Letter of the 4th of March 1746 to your Honour concerning our misfortunes at Menis But I don't remember that I meant to lay the blame of 'em upon you, and I am sensible I never press'd you to send any of your Levies to Annapolis, and that my mentioning your denial to do it in my last is a mistake.

I have communicated to Colonel Williams whatever I can think of, that may be for the Service of the Officers and Soldiers of the Regemint of your Colony in procuring their Pay and also of your Colony with respect to their Disbursments for Cloaths and Arms, and am

Sir Your Honours Obedient
Humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

Governour Law

[Superscribed] To The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt ℘ Col Williams

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Decbr 22d 1747/8 recd Janr 20th

JOHN READ TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Boston 29 Decr 1747

Sr

Your favour of the 13 of Octr last from Newhaven I receive with thankfulness. And now pray you to Confer with Col. Allen And then let me know what was the usual allowance made in surveying large tracts of Land in the rough woods, how many rods rough measure you gave for a hundred rods plain or Just measure about the year 1716 & before & since. And how much you verily believe you allowed in the several lines of My 10000 Acres of Equiva-

lent lands at Swift River. I should take as a favour if I could have your & Col. Allens Oath, of what you know to be the usual allowance in Such Case at that time. And if you can come at it by any minutes then made or particular Circumstances whereby you can perfectly remember it, then your Oath of that Certain Allowance.

If I could come at a tollerable Certainty in this respect I would desire to have Col. Allens Compass And desire you to put me in the way to have the use of it to run my lines by it, but I would have it put in good order & well touched as you Commonly do it there & hath been used to be done that it may follow it's own track as exactly as may be. I believe the Just people that Settled Kingsfield by themselves & their assistants have cut me off abt 40 rods throughout my South bounds & shortened that line at the East end. And I believe that all the Monuments you made at that South side from end to end are gone & demolished, for this reason I must mak the most Exact trial to lay it out Anew from Swift River bridge A mile & half with so much allowance as to make it about or nearest half a mile to Swift river & abt or nearest a mile to Ware River this is a Certainty appearing in your Original Survey & from ware river run the line 3 miles East & by North with such allowance as you can make me Certain upon Oath you did make, & fixing my South East Corner there either by a small brook or else a running Spring near Ware river (tell me which). I believe all the rest will be Easy. I would do it the beginning of April for my days are almost spent. I pray you hurrey what I have writ & the plans Sent, & write me by the first opportunity whatever you can recollect or Judge will inlighten me. I am sorry to be so troublesom, beg your pardon & remain In all Affection & good Estimation

Yr honrs most humble servt

JNO READ

To the Honble Roger Woolcot Esqr

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JONATHAN LAW.

KITTERY Decer 29th 1747

Sir

Your favour of the 30th of Novr Last was Delivered me by Colo Williams the day that I was coming out of Boston, And I got cold in my Journy home which has prevent'd my Acknowledging the receipt of It sooner, and not any design'd neglect of it wch I Cannot but think has been the fate, of my Letters to you, or I should in more than a year since the Last, have had some other proofs of the contrary Then your now barely owning the receipt of them

I had the Honr to receive from yor Government A Commission to be Lieut General of the Troops rais'd there, as well as from the other two Governments that was concern'd in the Reduction of Cape Briton, & soon after I got into that Citty I sent an Accot to one of His Majestys Principal Secretarys of State of the proceedings of all the Troops, and was as carefull to represent the Service done by the Regiment from your Government, as I was that done by the Massachusets Regiments, and the Regiment of New Hampshire and my kindness & care of Each of them, both in the Camp & Citty was ye Same Althô I have heard that some in your Government has Say'd otherwise, but no man can say it wth truth

I am determin'd by Divine Assistance Althô my treatment may not have been so well As might be Expected, to do all ye good I can And if you will write any Evidence that is in my Power to Subscribe to & send it I will Exicute it or if you desire me to waite on you in yor Government for that Service I will do it

I Desire you will Excuse my free way of Expressing my Self, And believe me to be as

I am Sir
Your Honours Faithfull &
Most Humble Servt
WM PEPPERRELL

The Honourable JonA Law Esqr Govr of Connecticut

[Superscribed] On His Majesty's Service To The Honble Jon^A Law Esqr Governour of Connecticut Att Milford B^o 5/4

[Indorsed] Sr Wm Pepperrells Decemb^r 29th 1747/8 rec^d Jan^r 26th

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 5th January 1747

Sir

I have yours of the 30th Decem^r informing me of the Success that Capt. Farrand is like to meet with and if he succeeds both he and His Lieutenant may be Assured of my Commissions when Musterd; and as a farther Encouragement to any other Gentlemen that will enter into this Service I have Inclosed you Two Blank Warrants to raise two more Companys for the like Service which you will Please to fill up in the Names of such Gentlemen as you may think Capable of Service & can raise each a Company and if any Gentlemen will Assist them on this service as Lieutenants they shall also have my Commissions I am

Sir Your Obedient
humble servant
G. CLINTON

The Honble Jon^N Law Esqr

[Superscribed] On His Majesty's Service N Y 4: To The Honble Jon^N Law Esqr Govr of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Jan^r 5th 1747/8

[Carries wax seal bearing impression of the Clinton arms.]

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford Jan^a 15 1747/8

Hon^d S^r

having your^s dated the 13th Instant in Which y^r Hon^r Informs y^t you have Rec^d Blanks from Govr Clinton for Beating orders for Two Companies to be Raised in this

Goverment of 60 men Each y^r Hon^r having desired me to acquaint ye Dep^t Govr I went there Last Evening but his Honour was Gone to Springfield but his son who had before been with y^r Honour desires yet y^r Hon^r would favour him With a Birth he Expects his father Will Return home this Day and Will on Teusday next with me Wait on your Hon^r on This affair I should have Gone this week but Teusday next Coln^ll Williams had apointed for ye Captains of his whole Regiment to meet att Milford to wait on y^r Hon^r and so am obliged to defer it till that time: and if y^r Hon^r then think Proper to Give me ye offer of Raising one Companny I propose to do it as soon as Posible from y^t time

Subscribing y^r Hon^s

Humble & Obedi^t Servt

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To his Hon^r JON^N LAW Esqr Govr &c Living att Milford

[Indorsed] Capt Church's rec^d Jan^r 18 1747

ELIAKIM PALMER TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TREASURY.

To the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury

The Petition of Eliakim Palmer

Agent for His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut

Humbly Sheweth

That when Your Petitioner had the Hon^r of Attending Your Lordships on the 14th last Month with Mr Bollan Agent for his Majestys Province of Massachusets Bay in New Engl^d, Your Lordships were pleas'd to Signify to Your Petitioner that you were ready to Issue one third of the Money Voted by Parliam^t to the Colony of Connecticut to reimburse the Expences they have been at in taking & Securing to the Crown of Great Britain the Island of Cape Breton & it's Depedencies upon his giving Security in

his Majestys Exchequer for the duly Applying and Accounting for the same.

That Yor Petitioner is inform'd that in some Cases (such as Contracts for Provisions for Troops in His Majesty's Service & the like) a Bond given in the Treasury for Money recd is Deem'd Sufficient, he Humbly hopes that Yor Lordships will not think it Necessary to put the Colony to ye Charge of doing it in the Exchequer.

That however Yor Petitioner is ready to perform either of these Conditions humbly Presuming that a Discharge Obtain'd by Yor Petitioner from said Colony of Connecticut in their Legislative Capacity will Indemnify him from such Bond as your Lordships shall think fit to require.

Yor Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays that Yor Lordships will order immediate Paymt of the said Money into his hands that he may send Advice thereof to his Constituents by a Ship Just Ready to Depart for America

And Yor Petitioner shall Ever Pray

[Indorsed] Mr Agent Palmer's Petition to Comrs of Treasury for Payment of the Money to Reimburse the Cape Breton Expences*

MERCHANTS PETITION TO THE LORDS OF THE TREASURY.

To the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury

The Memorial of the Merchants & others trading to & interested in New England

Humbly Sheweth

That the Common Currency of New England has Consisted of Paper Bills of Credit for more than thirty Years past which by the Uncertainty & Remoteness of their Redemption have lost more than Nine Tenths of their

* Dated with pencil 15 Jny 1746/7; but is probably about a year later.

Original Value to the Unspeakable Prejudice of the British Merch^{ts} trading there, to the great Distress of the Inhabitants & the Ruin of many Thousands of People; and altho' the Evils arising from their Circulation have been long known & Complain'd of it has been found impracticable to redress them without the Interposition & authority of Parliament.

That as several Grants have been made by Parliam^{t} for reimbursing the Expences of the Cape Breton Expedition, & has the Exchange has risen in New England since their Acco^{ts} were stated from 540 to more that 1000 ℔ C^{t} & large Quantitys of Paper Bills have been lately Collected there in Expectation of the Possessors availing themselves of that Difference; The Memorialists propose in order to prevent a Misapplication of the Money that no part of it be Issued until the several Assemblys there or (in Case of their Neglect or Refusal) the Parliam^{t} of Great Britain shall have Adjusted the Proportion & have fix'd a Rule for the Paying off the Bills of Credit, whereby the whole Grant may be Apply'd to the General Benefit of the Colonies at the most Equitable rate of Exch^{a}.

That as the sums granted by Parliam^{t} are Sufficient for a Medium of Exchange throughout New England The Memorialists further propose that they may be remitted in a Coin calculated for a Currency in that Country or in such other Specie as may have an Establish'd Value fix'd upon it as a Standard for Estimating of private Debts & to prevent the Notorious Abuses that the Publick as well as private Persons are daily liable to from the Fluctuations of Exchange

That no Inconvenience can possibly arise to the Inhabitants there by Postponing ye Paym^{t} as one of the Agents has been directed by the Assembly at Boston to place the Money as soon as he shall receive it in the Bank of England until they have Determin'd in what Manner it shall be Apply'd

That it will be very Difficult for their Assembly's to agree upon an Equitable Rule for this Purpose, as many Persons in the Administration of the Government there are become Possessors of the Bills at a Depretiated Value, & Expect to Receive near double the Sums they have Expended in the Collection of them, by which Means those who have a large Share of Authority will not only oppose their Interest to that of the Colonies in General, but will probably have the Charge & Custody of such Sums as may be paid to their Agents, & Consequently a Power of Detaining them until the other Branches of the Assemblys are Compell'd into their Measures.

That unless the Affair of the Paper Currency is taken into Consideration before a Remittance is made to the Colonies it will be impossible to put an End to the Circulation of their Bills, as the Benefit some of them enjoy from their Credit are too Considerable to be parted with, unless they are Compell'd by a Parliamentary Authority.

That this is the most favourable if not the only Conjuncture that has ever Occur'd for Retreiving the Credit of their Trade, for Securing the Property of the British Merch^{ts} interested there to determine the Power of Issuing Paper Bills & for Establishing an Invariable Standard with a new Coin or fixing the Rates of such Silver as may be Transmitted for a Currency

The Memorialists therefore in Behalf of themselves and all other Merchants trading to & Inhabitants of New England Pray that no Part of the Aforesaid Grants be by any Means Issued until som Effectual Measures are taken by the several Governm^{ts} there for Establishing an Equitable Rule for Discharging their Bills of Credit & for Putting a Period to the pres^{t} Paper Currency or in Case of their Neglect or Refusal not until the whole can be Regulated by the Parliament of this Kingdom.

All which is Humbly Submitted to Consideration by

JOS QUINCY
OTIS LITTLE
SAM^L CARY
JOHN DENNIE
JOHN POWELL
THO^S GOLDTHWAITE FONES
JOHN ROUS
NATH^L COFFIN
BENJ^N PENKEN
JOHN SPOONER
RICH^D KING
JER^A GRIDLEY
W^M BAKER
W^M WILLEY & C^O
CHAUNCEY TOUNSEND
CHRIST^N HILBY
SAM^L STORKE
W^M HODSHON
JOHN ZACHARY & C^O
THO^S SANDFORD
NATH^L PAICE
ALEXD^R CHAMPION
JONATHAN BARNARD
W^M SILWELL

[Indorsed] Merchants Petition to the Lords of the Treasury for Applying the Money due to the Colonys on Acco^t of the Expedition to Cape Breton towards Sinking ye Paper Currency*

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Jan 18th 1747/8

S^r

yours of Decr 10 I Recd but the Express Coming No farther that Hartford Lost me the Opertunity of sending an answer

My son Waitts upon your Hon^r With this to Acknowledge your favor in Making the Representation to Govr Clinton by which His Excellency was pleased to send Word that if before beating orders to Connecticutt he would favor my son and being Informed by yours to Capt Chh that beating orders are Come he Comes with Capt Chh and humbly prays the favor that you will fill up one of them to him and I hope it may do well if your Hon^r will Consent he is very Earnest to go and says Arms have been his favorite studie

* Dated with pencil 15 Jny 1746/7; but is probable about a year later

and y^t by being Capt of the Coledge Artilerie Last year he has in some Measure Learned how to use them *

I am Informed from all Hands that the Comittes from Boston and New york will Meet at Middletown the 20th Instant I Expect these from Boston at My house today or to Morrow I am at some Dificulty about it fearing the Matter is Not fully prepared but those to Whome I have Imparted my thoughts tell that Every thing of substance is agreed to but the 400 men which is not so Esentiall that the Expedition Depends upon it Therefore advise that we meed and Consider What is needfull to be provided which is what we have to do. I want your Hon^rs Directions my present thoughts are if they Come to Go with them to Midletown where I hope in your answer to this I shall be further advised

your Hon^r is pleased usually to fatten me with news I can return you No thing but the Eccho of it but rejoice to hear some advantages we have of the Enemy at sea and am

your Very Humble Servt

R WOLCOTT

To the Hon^able JON^ATH LAW Esqr

[Superscribed.] To The Hon^able JONATHAN LAW Esqr

In Milford These

[Indorsed] D Gov^rs Jan^r 18 1747–8 and Answer 21st

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 19th January 1747.

Sir

I received a Letter of the 12th Ins^t from Capt Farrand who had my Warrant to raise a Company in your Government acquainting me that he expects soon to be Compleat, therefore I send you Inclosed Two Commissions for himself and Lieut. to be delivered them when mustered, that he may March with his Men to Kinderhook & there to re-

* This son was Oliver Wolcott, who was later a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Major General in the American Army during the Revolution, and Governor of Connecticut.

main 'til farther orders, with which he is to acquaint Major Collins the Commanding Officer at Albany, when he arrives, or go him–self. If you have Issued the Two Warrants for Two more Companys to be rais'd also in your Government, Pray acquaint me if you have any hopes of Success, otherwise I must desire you to return them to me; as I can dispose of them now in my own Government, at least one of them, to a Person who can raise a Company. Capt Farrands Commission must be Dated the Day of his Warrant, & his Lieuts the Day after. I am Sir

Your most Hble servant

G CLINTON

Govr Law

Pray return the dates of both Commissions wn Issu'd

[Superscribed] On His Majesty's Service To The Honble Jonn Law Esqr Governour of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Janr 19–1747/8 and Copy of an an Answer Janr 26th

[This letter carries a red wax seal bearing an impression of the arms of the Calderwood family of Scotland.]

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

Milford Janr 21st 1747/8

Sr

Yours of the 18th Instant I recd I have given your Son Oliver Govr Clintons beating Orders. As to the Comtee Meeting att Middleton Govr Clinton on my informing him That our Assembly had ratifyd the Agreement of the Comrs att N York signifyd to me That part of their Legislature had come into part of it and that when it should be ceeded to there, he would give me Notice of it. diverse Letters I have recd from him since in which was not one word about it, and this day came an Express from him to Boston without any Acct of his Legislatures Approbation of the Agreement: but I find by their Prints That the Govr and Assembly are combating with one another, and this day (I understand) is the day for electing a new Assembly.

I have heretofore given an Acct of the State of Affairs to Boston and that I did not see any Advantage for me to call an Assembly to try whether they would agree to the Boston Amendments till N York should agree, and I have not any Notice from Boston of the Comtees coming to Middleton and can only advise you, that if your Orders are sufficient for your proceeding that you dont intangle us for I find that when we are so they that lead us into it dont concern themselves to deliver us out of it.

In haste I Subscribe Yours to Comand

J L

Lt Govr Wolcott

NEW YORK'S COMMISSIONERS TO CONNECTICUT'S COMMISSIONERS.

Newyork January 26: 1747

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have Copy of our letter to the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Bay, by which you will find the Reasons why we cannot attend at Middletown this time

We are with very great Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humе servts

wee Signd

PH. LIVINGSTON

JOS: MURRAY

H. CRUGER

To Roger wolcutt, Thomas Fitch & Benjamin Hall } Esqrs

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

Milford Janr 26th 1747/8

Sr

I recd yours of ye 19th Instant with the two Comns shall attend your Orders abt them, how it has happend with

respect to the Lieut I suppose Capt Farrand has informd you. who is gone forth to fill up his Company. I hear nothing from his Lieut thôt he must engage another, I wish the Lieuts Comn had been blank, then I could have filld it up. I cant tell yet how that matter will Issue. I had informd Capt Church of your beating Orders and he the D Govr as I desird him and Capt Church and Mr Oliver Wolcott, the D Govrs youngest Sonn graduated the last Comencement, who as his father informs me, sustaind the Post of a Capt in ye College et hunc horrentia Martis Arma, virumqe cecinit. and makes Mars's Divinity his favourite Study came and took the order before I recd your Letter and the Gentlemen promise themselves Success in raising their men and I expect soon to hear from them. Govr Wolcott I hear buried his wife the last week.

I Subscribe Your Excellencies
most humble obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

Govr Clinton

P. S The D Govr did inform me on ye 18th Instant That the Comtees from Boston and N York would meet att Middleton on the 20th Instant and expected the Boston Gentlemen at his house that day, but I had not been apprisd of it from either place. I have since a Report from N Hampton That two prisoners one from Quebeck the other from Montreal who say 2000 men were fitting out on an Expedition and that Govr Shirley has ordered Coll Stoddard to putt his County in a posture of Defence, if true I doubt not of your being apprisd of it

J·L

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

Milford Janr 27 1747–8

Sr

Since I wrote you by this Conveyance Coll Williams has been to Boston by the Direction of our Assembly and is returnd and by ye Copies of three Letters wch I here

inclose you will see the Stoppage intended of two thirds of the mens wages for y^{r} Provisions found by ye Colony is foregone by Mr Shirley and Mr Knowls and by y^{r} sending to discharge our new Levies on the 31st of October last they foregoe the pretence of my having dischargd y^{m} about a year sooner. I did im̄ediately send a Copy of their Discharge to Coll^{l} Williams and all the men look upon themselves dischargd from that Service and some of the Officers and men are enterd into other Services and all their Muster Rolls are made up to that time as you will observe

On Govr Shirleys Request I have sent 65 men into his frontiers and on Govr Clintons three Companies to protect Albany County, fearing the Difficulties of that Gov^{t} would expose them which arose so high as to dissolve the Assembly and att Boston so outragious a Mobb That the Govr took sanctuary in the Castle. at new York the Same persons are reelected *

I have sent you an Acc^{t} of our Disbursements for Cloathing and Arms thô we have actually paid out some hundreds of pounds more for Arms than that acc^{t} amounts to as Mr Treasurer affirms to me. the Gunns being valued at 10^{ll} when many of them cost 12^{ll} 14^{ll} and some 18^{ll} a gunn wch is desired you would solicit for. As for the other disbursements in the Canada expedition I would leave it till you shall inform how other Gov^{ts} fare or our poverty compells us to beg for it. as it seems not to be within the express Encouragement given by his Grace the D of New Castle. Mr Shirley you see excuses himself by the Departure of Admiral Knowls

I hope you will have your eye upon Mr Mason, of whom you have said nothing since you sent me a Copy of his Petition

S^{r} If you think it consistant with good man̄ers in me for you to inform their L^{d} shipps of the Board of Trade from me after 16 or 17 years experiments on raising silk That on such encouragement given as would putt our people on making

* This sentence is added in a different hand.

necessary preparations for raising silk there would be no necessity of ye Merchants sending up the Baltick and crossing thrô Russia into the Caspian Sea for raw silk. having learnt of an old french man how to take it off of the Balls, have kept it up to this time I and many of my neighbours have fallen in wth it and I have sent an Engine so farr as Cambridge and one of my family in an hour or two's time has taught Dr Wigglesworth Lady to do that with it wch ten years Tryal had done nothing to. here is room for Mulbery Trees and the Climate agrees with black or white. I have been informd by divers Gentlemen from the Southward where considerable is done at it That they have never learnt any such advantageous way of taking silk off from the Balls as I have learnt of ye s^d french man whose business it was in france

I just now rec^d a Letter from Sr Wm Pepperell w^rin he informs me that soon after he got into the City of Louisburg he sent an Acc^t to one of his Maj^ties principal Secr^s of State of the proceedings of all the Troops and was as carefull to represent the Service done by Conecticutt Regiment as by the Massathusetts and New Hampshire, and will sign any Evidence that is in his power, which I shall draw and send to him. but what further is wanting desire you would advise me of, if any thing further should be. his Situation is such as will render it chargeable & diffcult.

I am Sr Your Most obedient
Humble Servant

To Eliakim Palmer Esqr

ISAAC BROWN TO JONATHAN LAW.

Honerd

Sir my son the bearer hereof was one of the men that Inlisted for the Canaday Expedition and now is about another Expedition to albany and has some Incuragement of a Lt Commission if he will fit himself and In order to do that he wants his wages. and I beg of your honour to Let him have them, the want of which will utterly Disapoint his going to albeny

Sir I hope your Honour will Consider the matter and give all Just Incuragement to any that is willing to defend the Country.

I am Sir yr Honours most
humble and obedient Sert
ISAAC BROWN

NORWALK Jary 27th 1747/8

[Superscribed] To The Honble J LAW Esqr Att Milford.
Govr of The Colony of Conntt

[Indorsed] Mr Browns Letter Janar 27 recev 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

MILFORD Janr 27 1747/8

Sr

Yesterday I had the favour of yours of the 29 ultimo time when I wrote you last would not permit my saying more than just the rect of preceeding Letters. the Letter with which you sent me a Copy of that which you had sent Home I read it to the Council and shewd to the D. Govr who told me that matter was made up whereupon I thôt it might best be buried in Oblivion

I have informd Esqr Palmer of ye Acct you say you have given one of his Majties Secrys of State and desired him to let me know what further evidence he shall want of you in favour of our Regiment and signifyd your freedom to any thing you can do in our favour when he shall advise me of any thing further needfull I shall request it of you and I return you hearty thanks for your obliging offerr therein

I have no greater Excuse to make for my so long neglecting due Acknowledgments to you than the Pressure of publick business which even alwayes lyes heavy on my hands and assure you of my Disposition to amendment if Opportunity and Circumstances will permitt

Your Excellencies
most humble and obligd Servant
JONTH LAW

Sr W PEPPERELL

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Sr Wm Pepperell Janr 27 1747—8

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDLETOWN Jan 30 1747/8

Sr

On the 21st Instant the Comissioners from Boston passed by mee To Attend the meeting at this Town on ye 22d sent an Express to N york to Inform the Comrs there of it on the 25th I sett out for Midletown and have been there till Now waiting for the return of the Express he returned last Night with a Letter from Govr Clinton shewing that the time fixed for the meeting was Elapsed that he had not had previous Notice of it: The supreme Court was sitting the Commissioners some of them absent to Attend the Election of Assembly men Mr Levingston Not Well: and that he Could not obtain a Coram

A letter also Came from the Comrs Excusing themselves much after the same Manner. upon this Collo Hall and my self are returning hence this Morning without Efecting any thing:

I acknowledge the Respect your Honr has shewn to my son

The loss of my Dear Cinsort has so left me alone that it seems as if all the Word is no Company to mee I am

your Honrs Very Humble ser

ROGER WOLCOTT

P S Govr Clinton Complains of the Amendments (in the agreement made at N york) made at Boston

[Indorsed] Depuy Governor Wolcotts Letter January 30 received February 3 1748

PROCLAMATION FOR A FAST.

By the honble Jonth Law Esqr Governour and Comander in chief of his Majties English Colony of Conecticutt in New England in America

A Proclamation

for a day of publick Fasting and Prayer

For as much as the Calamities of a bloody warr, in which our Nation with ye greater part of Europe have been

long involved seem every year more nearly approaching us in this part of the world thô remote from the Countreys where it began, the evil Effects whereof we have not wholly escaped althô God has of his abundant and distinguishing Goodness interposd and averted great preparations of our enemies to distress and destroy us, yet when we reflect upon the little Reformation of our lives and mañers and our unthankfullness for so great Deliverances and the Disappointments of expected Assistance from abroad against our Enemies and the Misunderstandings and Confusions scattered among some of our neighbouring Provinces and many other difficult Circumstances attending us, without any present prospect of any speedy Relief from the land of our Ancesters

I have thôt fitt by and with the advice of the Council to appoint and do hereby appoint the Wednessday in April next being the* day of the month to be religiously observd as a day of fasting and prayer in all the religious Societies in this Colony Hereby Exhorting all, both Ministers and people to observe the same with becomining seriousness and Attention and to joyn with one accord, in the most humble and fervent Supplications That a mercifull God would interpose and still the rage of Warr among the Nations and put a Stopp to the effusion of Christian & humane blood. That he would preserve and bless our most gracious sovereign Lord King George, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke the Issue of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the royal family That god would guide the Kings Councils, firmly attach the hearts of his people to him, detect and suppress all Confederaites and rebellious Inclinations and grant him Victory and Success over all his Enemies by Sea and land to the establishing a speedy and lasting Peace

That god would bless, prosper and preserve all the British Colonies and prevent the Defection of our Indian Allies and ℣ticularly That he would continue this Colony under his protection, perpetuate our priveledges civil and

* The day appointed was April 13, the second Wednesday of the month.

sacred, forgive our Iniquities, heal us of our backslidings, encrease Virtue and true Piety, Direct us in all our Administrations, Smile on our Churches & Schools of learning, Bless us in all our comon Affairs on ye land and Seas, Grant healtfull and fruitfull Seasons, and protect our Coasts and Borders and all gone forth in Defence of our neighbours

And all servile labour is strictly forbidden on sd day

Given under my hand att this day of february in the 21st year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second of great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the faith &c Annoqe Dom: 1747/8

J LAW

God save the King

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

FORT GEORGE IN NEW YORK
Feb: 1st 1747/8

Sr

I receivd Your Favour of 26th January informing me that Capt Farrand had not yet compleated his Company, which I am the more surprized at, considering the length of time he has had my Warrant, & two days before I gott your Letter I informed the Commanding Officer at Albany, That I expected that Company to be at Kinderhook in which I am sorry to be disapointed, as I am also with any certainty of the other two Companys being raised, for which I sent you my Warrants which I transmitted to you in Confidence that no difficulties would arise in compleating three Companies in your Government, But so much time is protracted in the doing thereof that I could have accomplished it here in less time had not the urgency of the Service pressed me to apply to you, and I now must tell you two Companies can be raised immediately here by two Gentlemen who have applyed for my Warrants; Therefore I must desire you will on receipt hereof send me an

account ℘ Express if those Gentlemen have raised their Companies, & are upon the march to the Frontiers, but if not to return me the Warrants which I enclosed you for that purpose as the Service will admit of no delay

I observe what you say about the meeting of the Boston Commissioners at Midletown, and it is surprizing that they should make appointments unknown to you or me for our Commissioners to meet them on the twentieth of January, when the time for meeting was elapsed by the Agreement, But as the Assembly of this Province will meet soon I shall lay before them the Amendments of the Massachusetts Court to that Agreement, that they may ratifie the same, and will do every thing in my power to promote the Service intended by the agreement entered into at New York I am

Sir Your very humble Servant

G. CLINTON

To The Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr

[Superscribed] on His Majesty's Service To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govr of Connecticut at Milford

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Febr^y^ 1, 1747/8 rec^d^ ye 8th

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

MILFORD feb^r^ 2^d^ 1747/8

S^r^

It slippd me in my preceeding Letters to remark to you That I take Notice, no Intimation is given in the Extracts sent me nor in any of y^r^ Excellencies Letters That by his Maj^ties^ Order in Council they were appointed to adjust and liquidate the Acc^ts^ of the Canada Expedition as by ye Acc^ts^ you give me the L^ds^ of the board of Trade first and afterwards the L^ds^ of the Treasury were appointed to Adjust & Liquidate the Acc^ts^ of Cape Breton Expedition.

I also may add that the Com^rs^ from N Y not coming to ours and the Massathusetts conveend att Middleton are obligd to break up. It has also happend That Coll^l^ Lothrop and the other Officers wch garrisond Louisburg after the

King took it into his own Care have chargd the Crown with their Wages and given Credit for what this Gov^{t} paid them & design to procure Sr Wm Pepperells Certificate of it and send to you to move for it which I hope will furnish you with sufficient Evidence in our favour

further I would inform y^{t} the Com^{rs} att N York Agreed on an Expedition agst Crown point in April and the Proportion each G^{t} should bear in it and for carrying it on a Meeting should be att Middleton on ye 11th of Dec^{br} and all depending on a Ratifacation of all the Legislatures of wch speedy Notice to be given by each Govr to the other Govr a Ratifecation was soon obtaind here of wch I gave Notice accordingly. Govr Clinton informd me That part of the Legislature came in to part of it. at length Govr Shirley informd me of their coming into it with divers Amendments. and appointed ye Meeting at Middleton on the 20th of Jan^{r}. And Govr Clinton sais the time being elapsd and no Notice given to him or me of this Meeting on ye 20th of Jan^{r} his Com^{rs} could not attend it

and am S^{r}

Your most obedient humble Servant

J LAW

Esqr Palmer

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Agent Palmer feb^{r} 2^{d} 1747/8

C M COLLINS TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

H^{d} S^{r}

Your favour by the Kinderhook Express Came Save. It is very Agreable to me to hear that a Gent^{n} of Your Age, & Who has Gon through So many hardships, is Still Dayly Endeavouring to Serve his Country of Which I think You have Given undoubted marks, & for Which I alwayes hoped You would As Well have been rewarded As Others, but disapointm^{t} Is often the fate of the best and bravest men.

You may be Assured S^{r} that if Your Son Comes here as you Say as An Officer (as I have the Comand of them

Last new Levyes) I Shall Shew him All regard possible. It's high time if they Intend to Come that those Companyes march, if We Expect Any Danger from ye Enemy it's in this Month & they Are much Wanted Now.

You Say Sr that you are About meeting the Commissioners. &c &c please to Mind one thing we never (in my oppinion) Can Carry on this Warr With Success Without a number of Indians this is the grand point; I Am Somewhat in A Hurry the Express Hurrying me Wherefore Excuse my Scralle & believe me to be till Next Bumper(?) With All Esteem & regarde

Sr Your most Obt hule Sr

C M COLLINS

Alby ye 3d of ffeby 1747

Excuse this paper & Hurry

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

faba 4th 1747/8

Hond Sr

I have Inlisted by yr Honours Proclamation upwards of fourty men and its Probible in a few days shall have my full Number Pray your Honours favour to his Exelency Govr Clinton for Commisions yr Honr having left it with me to Nominate a Lieut I have Improved Mr John Patterson & pray yr Honr fill a Commison in his name I have ordered my Muster on satterday next week hoping ye Commisons will be hear by that time they sent Down from Canterhook last week to ye Dept Govr to Know how soon these Compannies would be there they are allowed three Companies at Canterhook of which they have yet got but one and are in Vary Grate fears, but Chuse to wait for ye other 2 Compannies from us I Conclude ye Comms will bare Equel Date with ye Beating orders which is Jana 4th their Nescesitous Circumstances att Canterhook would not admit of so long a delay as to send by the Post & so have sent a man on Purpose Mr Woolcut is not likely to go so soon as I shall but I Conclude Mr Farwin is gone before now and yt will Give them Relief for ye Presant & will Get away as

soon as Posible as this service is In Volved upon y^r Hon^r out of ye Common Cause of ye Goverments Buisiness look upon it Highly Reasonable y^r Hono^r should be Rewarded for it as for strangers & have sent by ye barer

from y^r Hon^s most obediant serv^t

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To His Hon^r JON^A LAW Esqr Govr of Connecticut Colony Living Att Milford

[Indorsed] Capt Church Letter Feb^ry 4. 1747/8

OLIVER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD february 4 A D 1747

Honered Sir,

This may give Intelligence to your Honour of the probability there is of my raising the Company of which your Honour was pleas'd to Commit to me the Charge. I have already inlisted the far greatest Part and expect in a few Days to be fill^d and therefore Humbly desire your Honour would purchase for Me a Commission that no Time might be lost. the Lieu^t I have made Chose of is Nathaniel Ripley of Windham whose good Qualifications I believe Sufficiently recommend him to the Post. the bearer if your Honour thinks proper will wait upon your Honour with a Message to New York. the Kindness & favour your Honour has Confer^d upon Me will ever excite my Gratitude. I conclude with begging Liberty to Subscribe myself Your Honours most Obedient

Very humble Servant

OLIVER WOLCOTT

[Indorsed] Capt Oliver Woolcott Letter 4th Feb^ry 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD feb^r 6 1747/8 5 o Clock P M

S^r

I have just rec^d Letters from Cap^ts Church & Wolcott, the first informs me that he has inlisted 40 men and expects

to muster the next Saturday and chosen Mr John Patterson for his Lieut and sais they have wrot to the D Govr from Kinderhook to know how soon these Companies will be there and the latter sais he has inlisted the farr greatest part of his men and hopes in a few dayes to be compleat and has chosen Mr Nathaniel Rippley to be his Lieut the Letters bear date the 4th Instant and they desire your Excellency would send the Comns to me by ye Bearer that no time may be lost.

As to Capt Farrand I have not given your Comns his Lieut's Mistake has delayd him he has enlisted near 50 he had a considerable part of them here on Wednesday and keeps them, expects the rest here in the begiñing of the next week with his Lieut and soon after to be on his March and chooseth you would give him an Order to march to Kinderhook as you signifyd to me you would have him do if this Express may return before he marcheth

I Subscribe Your Excellencies
most humble obedient Servant
JONTH LAW

Govr Clinton

[Indorsed] a Copy of a Letter to Governr Clinton Februar 6 1747/8

GIDEON WANTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sr

You are not insensible that this Government is but too much divided into Factions & Parties which well wishers to the general Peace of Mankind would attempt all in their power to put an end to, or at least to prevent every bad consequence that might arise therefrom: This adress to you springs from the most sorrōfull apprehentions that the Soberest & Best sort of People here appear to be under on Account of a Commission said to be lately granted by You to one Ebenezer Slocum, the purport of it I make no doubt is in common form to Seize & Take from the Enemies of Our Sovereign, but it is loudly proclaim'd by Slocum &

his Confederates that they are determined to improve it to the interruption of Trade only and in taking such Vessels belonging to New England as they shall judge proper to Seize.

That such sort of Men may be desperate enough to do this is beyond all peradventure true and that the Merchants here (and doubtless it may be the same with those of Connecticut) are as resolutely determined to secure their common Interest from falling into the Hands of those Persons is as undoubted a truth.

Into what greater state of confusion this Government may be thrown thereby, or what will be the fatal Consequences of a contest of this kind for my own part I dread to think on, And therefore to prevent the worst of Evils that can befall Men in this life and that the Tranquility of the Governments may be the better preserved I beseech you as you tender the Lives of Men to grant forth a Supersedeas to that Commission which am well assured had you known the Intentions of the Persons that at present appear to be concern'd in this horrid Scheme you would never have granted.

I am with great Respect Sr
Your most Humle Servant
GID: WANTON

Newport ye 8th Feby 1747.
Jona Laws Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Wantons Letter Feb. 8. 1747 8

RHODE ISLAND'S REMONSTRANCE TO JONATHAN LAW.

To the Honble Jonathan Laws Esqr Governour & Commander in Chief in & over His Majestys Colony of Connecticut.

We the Subscribers beg leave most humbly to Remonstrate to Your Honr That the Maritime Trade of New England being carried on in so loose & unguarded a manner

particularly for want of taking out Cocketts* for, and making exact Entries of Goods cheifly occasion'd we suppose thro' Ignorance of the Acts of Trade, that scarce any Vessel own'd in New England but is subject to a Seisure either outward bound, on her return Home, or both, and therefore were evil Minded Persons Enemies to Lawfull Commerce invested with proper Authority to lay hold of every Vessel that should be so unfortunate to come in their way attended with any of these defects this might in time produce the most mallencholy consequences that can be imagined.

That the Trade & Navigation of Connecticut as well as that of this Colony (and indeed we might say all New England) at present stands greatly exposed to Injuries & Insults from persons who are altogether unacquainted with ye nature of Trade & business especially such as relates to Navigation, it being no secret here that the Commission supposed to be lately obtained from Your Hon^r^ by One Boone for One Ebenezer Slocum to proceed with against His Majestys Enemies is. not to be improvd that way but they threaten to use it only against His Maj^tys^ leige Subjects the Merchants of New England by persuing & taking their Vessels & Goods such as they think proper to lay hold of And for which purpose those notable Gentlemen with others of the same Class are about procuring a small Sloope or boat and determind to equip her with Guns &^c^ purely to interrupt or rather put an end as far as in their power to all Trade in General.

Certain we are that had Your Hon^r^ been perfectly acquainted with the Intentions of the Persons concern'd in this most extraordinary Scheme it would not have been in their power ever to have prevaild on Your Hon^r^ to trust them with any Commission at all And that Your Hon^r^ would have as absolutely denied them as we are inform'd

* A Cocket was a document sealed by the officers of the custom-house, and delivered to merchants as a certificate that their merchandise had been duly entered and had paid duty. The term is now obsolete.

his Excellency Govr Sherly did considering 'tis presum'd from the intimations he might receive in respect to what manner of Men they were, that both Friends & Enemies might possibly meet with the same treatment from them and the fair as well as unfair Trader if any such there be might be sufferers alike and both equally harrased & perplexd and that without hope of any remedy, for such Men have but little to fear who have little or nothing to loose.

Full as certain are we that Your Hon^{r} (under what specious pretence so ever that Commission might be obtain'd) never intended it should be usd but according to the true intent and meaning of it i e against his Majestys Enemies and not to the distruction & ruin of his Subjects the Merchants & those dependant on them.

It is not possible to represent to Your Hon^{r} the many & fatal Consequences that will inevitably follow on the Depredations Rapines & Wasts that may be committed by those Men thro ignorance of the Laws or designs to violate them but the very worst are to be not only fear'd but certainly expected should they proceed to Act as they Threaten: Nor do we apprehend the Trade of Connecticut is less open to their Violence than that of this Government for the reasons before given but were it the Merchants of this Colony only that those Persons aimd their virulent resentments at, we doubt not but Your Hon^{r} would readily interpose and lend all Friendly Endeavours to prevent their being made a Prey of by any whatsoever. And therefore with the greatest confidence in Your Hon^{rs} good Disposition towards every thing thats just & right or tending to the Peace & Happiness of Mankind we earnestly intreat Your Hon^{r} to Issue forth a Supersedeas to that Commission whereby an effectual stop may be put to those enterprizing Gentlemens perpetrating any of their vile designs under that colour either ag^{t} the Kings Subjects here or elsewhere and Your Hon^{rs} Remonstrants as in Duty bound shall ever pray &^{c}

NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND Feby 3rd 1747.

	JOHN BANISTER
	WM MUMFORD
	JONA NICHOLS
	JOHN CHANNING
S: COOKE	WALTER CHALONER
ROBT CROOKE	BENJA WICKHAM
CHARLES WICKHAM	WILLIAM CORY
GEORGE HAZARD	ABRAM BORDEN
ROBERT HASZARD	C: BOWLER
	WM READ
	EBENEZER RICHARDSON
	PELEG THURSTON
	BENJA TUCKER
	HEZ: CARPENTER
	GIDEON CORNELL
	ROBT TAYLOR
	JONA THURSTON
	EDWD WANTON
	CALEB GARDNER
	JOSIAH ARNOLD
	ROBERT SHEARMAN
	STEPHEN WANTON

[Indorsed] Rhode Island Remonstrance by Banester &c Feb [ ] 1747–8

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 9th Febry 1747

Sir

I have just receiv'd your Letter of the 6th* with your advices of the Success the Gentlemen are like to meet with in raising their Companys by virtue of my Warrants. The Inhabitants of this Province on the Frontiers have been extremely uneasy That all the Companys provided for by the Assembly were not raised before now, whereupon I

* Probably intended for the 26th, of the previous month.

assured them, that one Company (vizt Capt Farrands) from your Government was marched to Kinderhook, having sent you his Commission some time ago for that purpose, But to my surprize, I receiv'd Advice two days ago, from thence that no Company from your Government was yet arrived, wch occasioned me to give orders to one Tenbrook, (who had my Warrant from the Commanding Officer at Albany before I sent you any) to march a Company he had raised directly to Kinderhook, to prevent that settlement breaking up, so that now there will want but two Companys to compleat the whole from your Colony. I leave it to your discretion who deserves the proper Encouragement, for I think Capt Farrand has triffled with me much. Therefore I desire That one of the Warrants may be returned, or all if two Companys are not mustered, of which please to send me Notice, That I may take measures accordingly for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province, I am Sir

Your most Humble Servant

G. CLINTON

The Honble Jon^{N} Law Esqr

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston Feby 10th 1747

Sir,

As the Dissolution of the late Assembly of New York has rendered the late Meeting of our Commissioners at Middleton fruitless; I have thought proper to send by Express to Govern^{r} Clinton to desire him upon their new Assembly's Agreem^{t} to the Amendm^{ts} made by this Governm^{t} to the Commissioners Report, immediately to dispatch Advices thereof to your Honour & me, with Copies of their Resolutions on that Affair, as also that they would appoint some time for another Meeting of the Commissioners, to concert those Measures that were left to be agreed to in a future Meeting; and that they would also appoint a Place of Meeting, and that to be the Town of Middleton, if possible; the time to be as soon as conveniently may be, allowing suffi-

cient Notice for the other Governmts to prepare for it: And as I know your Honour joins with me in Opinion, that the retaining the Six Nations and their Allies in our Interest, is of such Importance that no Pains nor Cost can be too much for accomplishing it, I would propose it to you, that upon receiving Advice from Mr Clinton that the New York Assembly has agreed to our Amendmts your Honour would have a Meeting of your Assembly, if that is necessary, to impower your Commisrs to act in the Affairs

I am with respect

Sir, Your Honours most Obedient

Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The Honble JonA Law Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Letter Febrry 10th 1747 Receivd the 13th

JOHN BULKLEY AND SETH WETMORE TO JONATHAN LAW.

N: Haven Febr 12th 1747/8

May it Please Your Honr

Col: Talcot waits on Your Honr at the desire of a Considerable number of Gentlemen in this Colony to communicate a design wc they have formed, of fitting out a vessel of force to Cruise on the Coast of New England for the protection of our Trade, & to ask your Honrs Countenance of Such their design; & to Signify that in their Consultations about it, They were lead to Think, that they could make Such proposalls, for Improving the Colony Sloop Defence on yr acctt & Risk, as would be acceptable to Your Honr & Councill. The Govt will unavoidably be at a Great Expence to fitt The Vessel & Man her for the Summer Season; wc The undertakers are willing to take Intirely upon Themselves, & that The vessel in her Cruising Should attend The Same Directions, as would be Given by Your Honr in Case She was fitted out on the Colony's Cost: They are not desirous yt any thing Should be done, but what is perfectly Consistent with the orders of The Assembly Relating to Sd

Sloop & believe That Your Hon^rs favour in this matter would be very acceptable to all persons in this Colony who are Well Wishers to Trade & have the Colonys Intrest at heart. We hope Your Hon^r will Excuse this Trouble & believe That we are Your most Obed^t Hum^le Servants.

JOHN BULKLEY } for
SETH WETMORE } Selves & part^s

Govr LAW

[Superscribed] To The Hon^e JON^A LAW Esqr Govr of Connec^t In Milford These

[Indorsed] Coll^l Bulkley & Mr Whitmores Letter Febr^ry 12th 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO JAMES CHURCH.

MILFORD feb^ra 13 1747/8

S^r

I sent by your Messenger to Governor Clinton to send me your Com^rs and he has sent none but sais he has given orders to Capt timbrook to March a Company he had raisd directly to Kinderhook so that now ther will want but tow Companies from this Colony.

Capt Farrand has begun his march this day If you proceed its probable you may have Com^rs for one Company if you send from Kinderhook and if you Can Contrive to take Mr Wolcut for your Lieu^t it may make up the whole matter but what will be best I cant say. I send this open to the D. Governor who may advise in this affare Gover Clinton wold have one of his beating orders or warrantes sent back to him

JON^TH LAW

Capt CHURCH

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Capt Church febr^uar 13 1747/8

JAMES CHURCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

fab^{a} 15 1747/8

Hon^{d} S^{r}

I Rec^{d} yours Last Evening by which I was Vary much sirprized but I have been upon ye Move this several Days and Many have been hear weting for ye Posts Return & all had orders to March this day y^{t} were westward to Meet Me at Farmington I have also advanced several hundred Pounds for arms & Clothing which I must loose if I Cannot get it by wages & so will by ye Permision of Providence Proceed direct to albany though my Confidence of honour is Vary much Weakened Mr Woolcut Not being Read to move Concludes Not to proced any farther till further advice

from y^{r} Hon^{s} humble & obedien Servt

JAMES CHURCH

[Superscribed] To His Hoon^{le} Jon^{A} Law Esqre Govr &c att Milford

[Indorsed] Cap^{tan} Church Letter feb^{ru} receved 16 1747/8

NATHANAEL EELLS TO JONATHAN LAW.

May it please your Honour

On ye 11th Instant came to hand your Letter of the 23^{d} of January: And I must own that the Contents of it caused no small Emotions and Arguings in my Mind; Lest my Superiors in Age and Ability shou'd blame my Compliance, and others who had more Reason to Expect this Favour from your Honour should envy my Lot who had not the least thôt of it; But more especially, lest I shoud fail in my attempts to furnish a Discourse suitable to the Occasions of an Election Day att such a difficult Season as this is.*

*The discourse was published by authority of the General Assembly and at the expense of the Colony in a pamphlet of 2 ff., 51 pp.; 16 mo; with the following title: The Wise Ruler a loyal Subject. A Sermon Preached in the Audience Of The General Assembly Of The Colony of Connecticut, On the Day of their Anniversary Election in Hartford, May 12th, 1748. By Nathanael Eells, M. A. Pastor of a Church in Stonington. [Six lines of scripture.] Some things omitted in the Delivery, now inserted in their proper places. N. London, Printed and Sold by Timothy Green, Printer to the Governour & Company, 1748.

However your Pleasure and Authority outweigh these Discouragements, so that I purpose (by the Leave of Providence) to serve you and the publick on that Day, as far as God shall enable me. I ask your Prayers, That I may then and [ ]. all [ ] blick administrations, Not handle ye word of God deceitfully, but by Manifestation of ye Truth, commend myself to Every Man's Conscience, in the sight of God. I wish you Support and Direction from above under the Care and burden of Government, and that you may be long continued a publick Blessing to this Colony and Land. I am Sir, with great Respect

Your Honour's much obliged
and very humbl Sert
NATHANAEL EELLS

STONINGTON Feb. 15. 1747/8.

For Govr LAW.

P: S: Sir, Twou'd be no small Satisfaction if you woud please to signifie Your Receipt of this. N: E:

[Superscribed] For the Honbl JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of Connecticut In Milford. Post paid

[Indorsed] Mr Nathanl Eells febr 15 recd 25 1747/8

ELIHU HALLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

May't Please your Honr

I had the Pleasure of meeting Deacon Noyes of Stonington here at New London who advised me that his Brother Noyes Was at Rhode Island & the Occasion of his Journey thither was on Acct of the Difficulty that has Arisen since the Agreement & Settlement of Mr Brenton's Estate in the General Settlement when Yr Honour & Bror Hall was down in 1742 and the Deacon told me he did not know in particular how it was, but he believed that it would be Quieted, but in what Shape or Form he could not tell Whereupon I told him I would wait on his Brother, & know the State of that Affair. On Monday morning I purpose to proceed, & design to Judge Robinson, & from

thence to Mr Clarks, as Occasion may require
With due regards
Yr Honrs Obd Faithful
Humе Servt
ELIHU HALLE

New London Febr 16th 1747/8
[Superscribed] For the Honble Jonathan Law Esq Att Milford ℔ Docr Horpin (?)

JONATHAN LAW TO GIDEON WANTON.

Milford febr 16 1747/8

Sr

I was very glad to receive yours of ye 8th Instant together wth a Remonstrance of sundery Gentlemen of yours on the 15th when our Judges of the Circuit and others were at my Table and more especially because there then was lying before me a Petition of Sundery of our Goverment for our Sloop of Warr to be fitted out by them at their Charge and for a Comission I askd yr Advice (who are of our Council) and they said the comon Report was that great Mischief was done to his Majties Interest under the pretext and colour of flaggs of Truce whereby our enemies were furnisht to make Depredations upon us by which meanes his Majties Displeasure would be incurrd and Charters (so dear to us) endangered and observing ye Comn I had issued was leveled at his Majties enemies only and such others as should be carrying to them Warrlike Stores &c according to his Majties Declaration of Warr and strict Command to give Letters of Marque and Reprisal. That it would be dangerous for me to supersede such a Comand I presume you have many extant at this time thô I never gave one before. however I calld my Comtee of Warr with whose Advise the Ordering of the Colony Sloop has been wont to be left to me who thôt that the Direction of the Sloop Defence delegated to us by ye Assembly was only for ye Defence of ye Govt and our Trade and that all the Comns given by me were founded on our Charter, but there having passd an

Order of our Assembly in October last (a Copy of wch Mr Seary had not furnisht me with), the further Consideration of the Motion was deferrd till that should be sent

I hope your Honr is not at all mistaken when you charitably suppose me to be of a pacifick Disposition and inclind to do good to my fellow creatures. At this day there seems to be too genl a propensity among mankind to Contention, warr and Confusion. Such a Temper seems to prevail in most of our neighbouring Govts and I should think my self very unhappy if I should be any wayes instrumental to promote encourage or abett any such thing in yours, which I should dread in mine own and shall alwayes value my self on the Charecter of a peace maker, which god grant we may alwayes deserve

I Subscribe

Your humble obedient Servant

J L

Honble Govr WANTON

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Wanton febr 16 1747/8

SAMUEL LYNDE, JONATHAN TRUMBLE AND OTHERS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

The Apparent & pernicious Designs and Practices of some of the people in the Neighbouring Governments of New York and Rhode Island, in Carying on an Illicite Trade with our Enemies under Colour of Flaggs of Truce, Thereby Comforting & Supplying them the more vigorously to Carry on the Warr, To The great prejudice of Our King & Nation; Wch we Fear may Eventually prove Especially so To This Colony; move us to adress your Honour at This Time; and The more Especially since we are well Acqainted with The uneasiness of abundance of The most Steady Thinking people in this part of The Colony, under The fearfull Apprehensions of what Evils & Calamities may follow, if nothing be Done To prevent The Increase of Such practices & Detect Those people who are Concerned Therein; Hoping Your Honour & Council may

find out some Method In part To Detect, & At Least To free us from The Imputation of having any hand in it, or in the Least Conniving at it:

We Fear The Dutch aim at a Base Neutrality; Why Else have They demolish'd Saratoga; Frustrated The plan laid Against Crown Point, neglecting To Send Their Comissrs, & Using all means to retard & put a stop To any Undertakings against The French; and Carrying on The pernicious practice of Sending Their Flaggs of Truce, Laden with Flour &c, & Correspending with Them by Land as we Apprehend; and If They designed Honestly, we Can't but Think They would have Guarded Their Own Frontiers, with forces of Their own Levying, with out Asking Your Honour's Aid & Assistance by Sending Companies from us for That service: Indeed They Seem unwilling To push any Thing against Canada and Crown Point; and Should they Carry Their point To gain a Treacherous & Injurious Neutrality with The French, This Colony & The Province of The Massachusetts, must bear The whole force of our Northern Enemies, who will There have a place of Retreat & Comfort, when They have been Imbruing Their Hands in The Blood of our people.

We Likewise Fear The Great Danger That This Colony may be bro't into, by The Treacherous Conduct of our Rhode Island Neighbours, who seem not To Care, who are hurt if They may but Carry on Their Trade & Get Rich 'Tho it be at The Expence of The Great Interest of The Nation and at The Hazard of Their priveledges, & Even ours also, if we do nothing To shew our Resentment of Their pernicious Practices & To free ourselves from The Imputation of having a hand in it or at Least Conniving at it; and We are Credibly Informed That they are gott To such Intollerable Insolence, as in The Light of The Sun & Face of That Government, To Fit a Vessel of Warr, To Go out with an Avowed Design To Sink (if need be) Any That shall Touch Their Vessels which have been to Supply our Comon Enemy with The Best Provisions New England Affords: and In particular manner declare they will Sink a privateer bound To Sea (with Your Honours Comission)

designing to Take & bring To Trial These pernicious Flaggs of Truce.

Now if on Consideration your Honour & Council should Think proper Imediately to order out The Colony Sloop, with Your Honour's Comission as a Privateer To Take any of his Majesty's Enemies, or such as have been Carrying on an Illicite Trade or have Contraband goods on board &c, who may Thereby Justly seize & bring To This Government for Trial such as have been Carrying on This affair, We hope it might (with submission to your Honour's Better Judgment) happily bring These practices To an End: There are one or Two more Vessels That provided They may have The Use of Some of The Colony Gun's, and Your Honour's Comission, would go on The same Design: The Return of These Flaggs of Truce is Expected Speedily, before good Weather, and Therefore hope Your Honour & Councill will find some proper Remedy Very Speedily; That This Colony may Stand free from all Imputation of Guilt, or Connivance at it: The Rhode Islanders have The Last Fall Sapped our Interest by buying up wth Their pernicious bills our best provisions for This worst of purposes above mentioned: and are now out buying up our Cows & best Stock what They can with Those same pernicious bills. What The Ill Consequences may be, and what Remedy applied, (unless That of a Special Assembly To Consult) We humbly Submit To Your Honour — and are

Your Obedient Humе Servants

SAMUEL LYNDE
JONTH TRUMBLE
JNO GRISWOLD
CHRISR AVERY JUNR
ISAAC HUNTINGTON
RICHD LORD
JOHN RICHARDS
JOSEPH FOWLER
JOHN LEDYARD

NORWICH Febry 16th 1747/8

[Superscribed] For The Honble JONTH LAW Esq Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt At Milford These

[Indorsed] Coll Linde Trumbul &c febr 16 recd 25th 1747/8

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

FORT GEORGE IN NEW YORK
17th Febry 1747

Sir

I have inclosed you Copies of Two Letters, just receiv'd from the Frontiers touching the Designs of the Enemy, and if I have any further Information of the truth of this Intelligence you shall hear of it by Express. In the mean time please to inform me, if any of the new rais'd Companys are marched, otherwise I shall be under the Necessity of raising them here

I am Sir
Your most H'ble Servt
G CLINTON

Govr LAW
[Indorsed] Govr Clintons febr 17th 1747/8 recd 19th

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD febr 17 1747/8

Sr

Nothing short of some presence of mind could have guarded against something of Surprise when by yours of the 1st Instant I recd no Comns for the two Companies you had sent me beating Orders to raise. and I had informd you that I had given ym out to Capt Church and Capt Wolcott before you had informd me, that you did not know but you might raise one of those Companies at home, for I did not doubt of your betrusting me with the Comns to be disposed of according to your order, especially since I had informd you I had not given up those you had sent me. On fryday last Capt Farrand having musterd his Company, on Saturday began his March for Kinderhook as you directed, thô thrô the Mismanagement of Lt Darling his motion was long retarded, and his Comn I have not had opportunity to deliver to him

Capt Church informs me that having expended severral hundred pounds in arming cloathing &c his men, should

begin his march on Monday last and I understand by Capt Wolcott, did accordingly who is come down to be advisd by me and his father who is on the Circuit att Fairfield whether to come down to your Excellency for further Direction having been advised by his father and me to forbear any further motion till further directed thô he has raisd his Company at considerable expense.

I have done all in my power to promote what your Excellency desird and am sorry if any thing should be discouraging to our people to give their Assistance when ever it should be wanted

The Date I putt into Capt Farrands Comn was the 7th of December being the Date of your Warrant

I remain Your Excellencies
most humble obedient Servant
J L.

Govr Clinton

[Indorsed] A Copy of A Letter to Governn Clintont februr 17 1747/8

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 22d Febry 1747

Sir

I have just received your Letter of the 17th Inst, by Mr Wilcot, informing me that Capt Church and Capt Farrand are March'd, whereby this young Gentleman is disapointed which I should rather had been the case of Farrand, as he was so tardy in raising his Company, & often Frustrated my expectation & there is now no remedy left for Mr Wilcot, but waiting 'til I can give him encouragement to send his Company to the Frontiers, of which I have some hopes will soon be done, being oblig'd from the Frequent applications and Expresses I have had from Albany and else where, to send Men that cou'd be first rais'd at any rate to their Assistance, and as I have not time to write to Mr Wilcot by this Opportunity you may assure him from

me that I will take care to make his Son amends for the Trouble he has been at upon this occation, and I was in hopes you'd have Prefer'd his services to Farrands for the reasons I gave you in my last.

I am Sir

Your most Humble Servant

G CLINTON

The Honbl JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons febr 22d recd 26th 1747/8

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

WHITEHALL 25th Febry 174⅞

Gentlemen,

The King having been pleased upon the Resignation of the Earl of Chesterfield, to appoint me to be one of His Maty's Principal Secretaries of State, and to direct me to take the Southern Department, I must desire that you will address Your Letters to Me for the future, And you may be assured, that I will be very punctual in laying them before the King & in transmitting to you such Instructions & Orders, as his Majesty may think fit to give for your Guidance and Direction.

His Majesty having Ordered a Proclamation to be issued to explain & inforce the Prohibition of Commerce between His Majesty's Subjects & those of the French King, in consequence of the Declaration of War. I send it you herewith, and am to Signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do give Directions that the same be duly observed where you are.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

BEDFORD

Governor & Comp: of Connecticut.

PROCLAMATION AGAINST FRENCH TRADE.

By the King
A Proclamation

George R.

Whereas we have received information that some of our subjects have secretly carried on trade and commerce with the subjects of the French king, in direct violation of, and disobedience to our royal prohibition, and in defiance of the punishments which may by law be inflicted for such high contempts and offences, during the time of open war; we therefore taking the same into our royal consideration, and to the end that none of our subjects may pretend or plead ignorance or forgetfulness of our said royal prohibition, and the true extent, meaning and import thereof, or of the danger they are exposed to by their disobedience to the same, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our privy council, to issue this our royal proclamation, hereby publishing and declaring, that all correspondence and communication, as well by way of trade or commerce as otherwise, with the said French king or his subjects, or in, to, or from the dominions of the said French king, are and were included in our said royal prohibition. And we do publish and declare, that all commerce, trade and traffic to or from France, or any other the dominions of the said French king, and the exporting or importing of any goods, merchandizes or commodities to or from France, or any other the dominions of the said French king, by any of our subjects, without our licence in that behalf, are great misdemeanours and high violations and contempts of our royal authority, and for which the offenders are liable to severe punishment, by and according to the laws of this our realm. And we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all our subjects of Great Britain, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Isle of Man, Minorca, and the town and port of Gibraltar, and of any our colonies and plantations in America, and all other our dominions, that they do not directly or indirectly carry on any commerce, trade or traffic, or export or import any goods, merchandizes or commodities to or from France, or

any other the dominions of the said French king, upon pain of our highest displeasure. And we do hereby publish and declare, that all persons offending herein, and acting contrary to our said royal prohibition, shall be prosecuted for the same with the utmost severity and rigour of the law. And we hereby strictly charge and command all our admirals, captains, commanders of our ships of war, and all officers of the admiralty, and commissioners of our customs, customers, comptrollers, searchers, surveyors, and other officers of our customs, to be faithful and diligent in seeing this our royal proclamation duly observed: and all justices of the peace, sheriffs, mayors, baliffs, constables, headboroughs, and other our officers and subjects, to be aiding and assisting in the discovery and prosecution of the offenders, and in the preventing all such commerce, trade and traffic, to the utmost of their power.

Given at our court at St James's, the 19 day of February, 1747, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston Feby 29. 1747

Sir,

The General Assembly of this Province presuming upon their Claim to a Reimbursment of the Charges of the late Expedition against Cape Breton have been employing their thoughts to find out some method of improving such Reimbursement so as to put an end to the present paper Currency, and they have projected a Bill (which has had two Readings in the Assembly) for this Purpose a Copy of which I shall now inclose You As there are Bills of each of the four Governments of New England which have obtained a Currency thrô the whole, it was judg'd proper before any thing be finally determind here, that a conference should be had by Commissioners from each Government that so if possible one general method or Scheme might be agreed on; and You will see by the Vote inclos'd that Commissioners have accordingly been chosen by this

Government, and I must desire Your Honour to Recommend it to Your Assembly to join in this Affair which is of such Vast importance & for effecting which its probable there never may be so happy an opportunity hereafter.

We have no absolute certainty that any Grant will be made by the Parliament but there is great reason to expect it, and our latest advices are that it will be done the present Session, and the Assembly here seem'd to be of Opinion that unless some speedy Provision should be made on this Side the Water great endeavours will be us'd that these Governments should be obliged to draw out their Grants by Bills of Exchange, the consequence of which would be the importation of Vast quantitys of Goods & perhaps the Exchange would be set at such Rate as would be to the great Damage of the Publick much beyond the present Value of the Bills of Credit and what the generality of the present Possessors have no equitable Claim to. The Assembly have proposed this province to meet in because it is nearest the Center, and as the Gentlemen can be best Accomodated in the Town of Boston, It is proposed their first meeting should be held there. The memorial Referr'd to in the Report I have not sent a Copy of, the proposals contained therein being much the same with what is propos'd by this Bill.

I have sent Letters of the same Tenor with this to the Governours of New Hampshire & Rhode Island, I shall Expect Your Answer as soon as may be.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most Obedient

Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's Letter feb^r 29 rec^d March 10 1747/8

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT.

The Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Memorial of Thomas Hutchinson Esqr & to make report have maturely considered the same & are unanimously of Opinion that the proposals in said Memorial may prove very salutary to the Province and the Committee have prepared a Bill, which is herewith humbly offered a Copy whereof they are of Opinion should be sent to the Governments of Connecticut New Hampshire & Rhode Island and that it should be proposed to each of these Governments to appoint Commissioners to meet in this Province the 12th of April next or as soon after as may be to treat with such Commissioners as shall be appointed by this Government in order to the bringing to a period the Bills of all these several Governments in like manner as is proposed for the Bills of this and also to Settle the Rates & Value of money in the several Governments for the future.

All which is humbly submitted

JACOB WENDELL by Order

In the House of Representatives Feby 25th 1747
Read & Ordered that this Report be accepted
Sent up for Concurrence
T HUTCHINSON Spkr

In Council Feby 26th 1747 Read & Concurr'd
J WILLARD Secry
Consented to W. SHIRLEY
Copy Exam^d ℘ J WILLARD Secy
[Indorsed by Law] Report of ye Comm^tee att Boston

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW YORK 29th Febry 1747

Sir

I find by a Letter wch I received last post That Capt Church has marched his Company to Albany, where I shall send Commissions for himself & Lieutenant in a few days.

In the mean time I am endeavouring to take the Company rais'd by Capt Wilcot also into the Pay of the Province, and I hope soon to accomplish the same with the Assembly, of wch I shall give you the earliest Notice, that you may acquaint the young Gentleman therewith. I am

Sir

Your most Humble servt

G CLINTON

P S. I find the Expresses wch I send through your Governmt complain much that they are delay'd for want of Horses, and they frequently tarry longer on their Journey to Boston on that account, than the post. I must therefore recommend their Dispatch & ready accomodation to you on such occasions hereafter

The Honble JonN Law Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons febr 29 March 7th recd 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN LEDYARD.

Milford March 2d 1747/8

Sr

I herewith inclose to you the Certificates you sent me to be signd

I also acknowledge the Rect of yours with some others of febry 6th

On the Motion of Coll Trumble &c I calld my Comtee in the Town and on yr being unwilling to do any thing without the Advice of the rest of ye Comtee I perswaded them to go with me to New haven where I also had a Council but on ye sight of yours &c they said it was not fitting for the Council who would be lookd upon as the Govt to intermeddle in so tender a plott. I urgd it on the Comtee having a Coppy of the Act of Assembly in October last and Coll Fitch was desird to draw up something proper for them to do for such Improvement as was desird of ye Colony Sloop, I expected Coll Fitch and Mr Syllimans Company home the next morning to meet ye rest of the

Comtee at my house, but they went without me and I expected they would let me know when they returned but they faild me thô the other Gentlemen were waiting for them. and I expect them this Evening to consent to my giving Order to Collⁱ Saltonstall to fitt the Sloop for a Cruise as heretofore was usual.

I Subscribe
Your humble Servant
JONTH LAW

Mr Jno Ledyard
[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Ledyard March 2d 1747/8

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston March 5, 1747

Sir,

I am directed by ye Genl Court here to apprise your Honor of the Advice we have from our Agent by the Ship from London yesterday, that a Grant was made in Parliament on Fryday the 4th of December last of 10,200,000 for the current year, £800,000 of which is for paying the Charge of taking and keeping Cape Breton by the People of New England, and the Charge of raising Forces for the Expedition that was designed against Canada.

There have been some Proposals & Endeavours, that the Payment might be made by Debentures, nothing seems so likely to prevent it as applying the Money granted to redeem & finish our fatal Paper Currency, so absolutely necessary to the Establishment & Preservation of Justice in our Commerce, and so much for the Interest of Great Britain as well as our selves. This we are very sensible cannot be done effectually without the Meeting of the several Assemblies interested in this Grant; It is therefore hoped that your Honour will call your General Court together as soon as may be, that the Meeting of Commissioners may not be put off beyond the time proposed, vizt the 12th of April next, in order to their being assur'd at home very soon, that this Money will be so wisely apply'd, and for a

Purpose so absolutely inconsistent with Debentures or any dilatory Methods of Payment.

I am with great Respect Sir,
Your Honours most Obedient
Humble Servant
J WILLARD Secy

P. S. The Agents Letter was dated the 10th of Decr & sent to Portsmouth a few days before the Ship sail'd

The honble Governour Law

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys 5th of March 1747 recd the 25

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 5th March 1747

Sir

I herewith inclose You two Commissions for Captain Wilcott & his Lieutenant in order to march the Company he has raised for the service of this Province forthwith to Kinderhook, where he will receive Orders from Colonel Johnson his Commanding Officer. When he arrives, he is to send up a proper ℙson to Albany with his Muster Roll to receive the Bounty, as also his own & Lts pay from the dates of their Commissions, together with the Mens Pay from their respective Inlistments, and I hope to have a good accot of this Young Gentleman, as I have taken a good deal of pains to promote him to this service. I am

Sir Your most humble servt
G CLINTON

Govr Law

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons March 5 recd ye 6 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO GURDON SALTONSTALL.

Milford March 5th 1747/8

Sr

Having no Information of peace being made nor grounds to expect any such good Newes according to Act of Assembly in Octobr last

These come to direct you to fitt the Colony Sloop Defence for the Seas, and when you shall be able so to do, to give me Notice y^r^ of That I may with the Advice of the Com^tee^ of Warr appoint Officers &c and give proper Instructions

How the Motion of some Gentlemen for the Improvement of ye Sloop succeeded or rather miscarryd I have given an Account to Mr Ledyard

I Subscribe

Your humble obedient Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

Coll^l^ GURDON SALTONSTALL

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Coll^l^ Saltonstall March 5th 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD 6th March 1747

Sunday 6 Cl^o^ P. M.

Sir

I just now received yours of Yesterday with the Commissions, shall take Care forthwith to Transmitt them to Capt. Wolcott: Capt Farrand begun his March Saturday was Three Weeks, and Capt Church on Monday after I have only learnt their Arrival at Sheffield, and presume you may have heard of their being at Kinderhook before this Time Lieu^t^ Darling has had his Comission

I Subscribe your Excellency's Obedient

Humble Servante

J L

Govr CLINTON

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Clinton March 6 1747

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD March 6th 1747/8 Evening

*S^r^*

Having just rec^d^ a Letter from Govr Clinton a Copy whereof I here inclose to you with a Com^n^ for your Son

Oliver and a Lieu^{t} whose Name I have not putt in (least it should be wrong) and leave it for you to fill up:

I rejoyce with you that it turns out better than our fears

If you think it proper to charge the Gov^{t} with this Express you will draw on the Treasury for it otherwise you will satisfy him for his trouble.

The Com^{tee} near me being disappointed of any further Opportunity with Mr Fitch and Sylliman have agreed to my directing Coll^{l} Saltonstall to fitt the Colony Sloop for the Seas, that She may be ready for a Cruise and I expect by the Post tomorrow to send him an Order accordingly.

This is the needfull at present from

Your Hon^{r}'s very humble Servant

JONTH LAW

R Wolcott Esqr D. G

P S my Regards to the Gentlemen with you

J L

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Deputy Govr Wolcott March 6th 1747/8

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford March 8th 1747

S^{r}

Yesterday I Received the Packet Respecting ye calling in our paper currency &c Directed to your Hon^{r} from Governour Sherly under Cover Superscribed to Me and with Advice of the Gentlemen of the Council presumed to open it and as I found it to Contain Matters of very great importance Respecting this and the other Governments in New England concluded your Honour would Expect the Gentletlemens thot's with mine upon the Affair have therefore Advised with them in the Matter and thereupon take Liberty to Suggest to your Honour that we apprehend the matter to Deserve the best Consideration of all the Governments and that a Meeting of Commissioners from them will be very Necessary but as the Calling of ye Assembly will be attended

with Great Expence and it being so Near the Stated sessions, would humbly propose to your Honour whether it might not be proper to write to Mr Sherly to Know if Commissioners appointed by your Honour with the advice of Council in order to meet ye Commissioners of other Governments and with them to Agree on some General Scheem of proposals to be Laid before our Assembly in May will not be so far acceptable as that the matters may be in some forwardness for being perfected at Said Sessions or something like this which your Honours better Judgement will Direct and if so that your Council be called to meet as soon as the Circuit is over for that purpose, but not presuming to Direct but only to hint the Gentlemens tho'ts with mine Leave the conduct to your Honour who is better Able to Manage than I can pretend to Advise. hoping your Honour will Excuse the freedom I have taken and with Candour accept this from Sr your Honours most obedient

Humble Servant

R WOLCOTT

The Honourable JonTH Law Esqr

[Indorsed] D Govrs Letter March 8th recd 10 1747/8

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston March 11, 1747

Sir;

The Advices we have had from divers Parts of a great Army of French & Indians fitting out from Canada for attacking some of the English Settlemts makes it very necessary that our Frontiers should be well strengthened to receive the Enemy, if they should direct their Course this way; And therefore I must (upon the Request of our General Court) desire that your Honour would be pleas'd to order the raising of two hundred able bodied Men well armed, to march without delay into the County of Hampshire for defence of our Frontiers in those Parts during the Summer Season, And that your Officers follow such Orders as they shall receive from Colo John Stoddard, or in his

Absence from the next Officer in his Regim^{t} of Militia.

I am, Sir, with respect

Your Honour's most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. SHIRLEY.

The hon^{ble} Govern^{r} LAWS

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys March 11th 1747 rec^{d} 20th

SETH WETMORE AND THOMAS GOODWIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDDLETOWN March 14th 1748

May Please Your Honour

Your Honour will Remember that when we were at New haven in ffeb^{ry} on the account of the Company that made a Motion to your Honour to lett us have the Country Sloop to Cruise &c, and that we would fitt her &c and when your Honour had Advised with the Council &c gave us Encouragement that on Coll^{o} Fitch's Return we Should hear more from Your Honour which we Expected; But on Coll^{o} Fitch's coming to Hartford heard no News; But Since we have been favour'd with an Acc^{tt} from his Honour the Deputy Governour, that your Honour hath Order'd the Sloop to be fitted &c, which we flatter our Selves is upon our Proposalls; and if your Honour doth not Incline to Enter into a Charter party & Covenant with us we are Willing to take her and Depend on the Honour of the Goverment: If your Honour will put her in Commission & will give us the Liberty to Nominate a Capt we will proceed to Ship the Hands and Sail her untill the Generall Assembly in May & then Make our Address to the Assembly to be further directed and We would Ask the favour of an Answer in Writing to us that we may Conduct our Selves accordingly.

Your Honours answer will oblige

Your Honour's most Humble

& Most Obedient Servants to Command

SETH WETMORE

THO^{S} GOODWIN

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt

[Indorsed] Mr Wetmores and Goodwin March 15th and a Copy of a Letter to them the 16 Instant 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO SETH WETMORE AND THOMAS GOODWIN.

MILFORD March 16 1747/8

Gentlemen

Yours of the 15th Instant is before me and I can onley inform you that I have with the Advice of the Com^tee pursuant to the Act of the Assembly in October Last directed Coll^l Saltonstall to fitt the Sloop for the Seas with an intent to Improve Capt Burnham to go on a Cruise as usual heretofore. the Council did not Advise to Let her out. and Coll^l Fitch was desird by Gentlemen of the Com^tee to draw a plan or Sheme for it that they might see how it might be done but he did not do it and So Came into the Conclusion as above sde

JONA^TH LAW

Messrs WETMORE and GOODWIN

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON March 19th 1747/8

Honble S^r

Your Commands of the 5th Ins^t rec^d in due time; & pursuant thereto am now fiting the Sloop for the Seas, & by the first of April she'l be in Circumstances, to receive the Officers & men.

Y^r Hon^rs Most Obed^t Hum^e Servt

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour att Milford

[Indorsed by Law] Coll^l Saltonstalls March 19th 1747/8 rec^d 21st

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD March 19th 1747/8

Sr

Yours of febr 29th I recd on the 10th Instant from D Govr Wolcott which coming under Cover to him he open'd and the matters proposed being of great Consequence he and the Gentlemen with him thôt his and their Sentiments about your proposal to me would be very acceptable and accordingly suggest to me that the affair deserves the best Consideration of all the Govts but in as much as the Calling an Assembly will be attended with great Expence and the stated Sessions is so near, That if Comrs appointed by me and the Council might be joynd with those appointed by ye several Assemblies, I might enter into measures accordingly but I dont remember any one Instance of that kind for which there was not an Act of the Assembly desiring and directing me with advice of the Council to do it

I have recd a Letter from our Agent of ye 18th of Novbr last wherein he informs me That ye Lords of the Treasury had not then settled the Exchange in reference to the Cape Briton Expences, and some other Difficulties not then gott over so that then ye Accts were not adjusted and liquidated and prepared to be joynd with the Estimates to be laid before ye Parliament Presumptions in the law are relyd on, but in this matter of State I do with patience wait for it and shall rejoyce when there shall be no further Occasion for hopes. and indeed I cant but hope That in case we could sink so many of our Bills as our Reimbursements when obtained will enable us to do, That it will be much easier to call in our outstanding Bills, than to pay the Silver with the Interest for and within twelve years for the money which we must borrow and run the hazard of its coming & returning to great Britain by wch our Inheritances may be all exposed. And I observe The Report of your Comtee is That Comrs be appointed to treat with yours in order to bringing to a period all the Bills of the several Govts in like mañer as is proposed for the Bills of your Govt, which is by borrowing Silver of Gentlemen in great Britain and

plighting the faith of the Gov^{ts} for paying ye same with Interest within twelve years from which Burthen and Danger I can no wayes solace my self, with any expectation of Deliverance but by trusting that I shall not live to see it, yet I would not be guilty of forgetting my Survivors. indeed yours is a Trading Province and may recover the Silver but this consists of Farmers void of that Advantage who must comply with ye Demands of ye Possessors if there shall be any

Your most humble obedient Servant

J LAW

P S. March 20th P M 6 of ye Clock I rec^{d} Yours of ye 11th Instant and have sent an Acc^{t} y^{r}of to the Com^{tee} of Warr att Hartford to whom the Care of the northern Frontiers was delegated by the Assembly.

J L

to his Excellency W Shirley Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley March 19th 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

Milford March 20th 1747/8 7 Clock P M

Gentlemen

I send you a Copy of Govr Shirley's Letter just Rec^{d} by which you will see That at the desire of the Assembly att Boston 200 men are sent for not only for the present Emergency but to abide there the whole of the Sumer whether the Act of our Assembly dos Enable you to send men for So long a time I dont Remember, but if it dos and by the Accounts you have it Seemes needfull you will Act accordingly, its not Long to the Assembly.

The Messenger informs me that he hears one man was Kild and one taken and tow wound at nomber 4 on muday Last by about 20 french and Indians if it be So I Conclude you will have the Certainty of it.

By my Brother Capt Hall from New York Last week was informed that Justice DeLancey's opinion was the

french would not Adventure for fear of a thaw, and by Mr Elihu Lyman who came Yesterday at 10 of the Clock from New York that a special Post Came in from Albany tow dayes before he Came away but I have none yet Come to me.

I had a Letter from Govr Wolcott inclosing a Letter &c from Governour Shirley, Moving me to Call an Assembly in order to putt a period to our Bills by borrowing Silver in England to Redeem them by which Letter from Govr Wolcott I was advised to Call a Council for the Appointing Comrs to go to Boston Concerting Measures about it but it seemes to me not fitting without a previous Order of the Assembly, Neither Can I approve of the Boston Scheme which seems to me dangerous but well Calculated to defeat all the views we have had for setting up a Differance in our trade from them and making a Distinction between there Bills and ours and I have given an Answer Agreeable to these Principles

J Law

Coll[l] Stanles & the rest of the Comte of warr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to ye Comtee of Warr March 20th 1747/8

JONATHAN LAW TO GIDEON WANTON.

Milford March 21 1747/8

Sr

Thes Come to inform you That I have orderd our guard Sloop to be fitted for the Seas and to desire your Sloop may be orderd to go in Consort with ours as has been usual and More especially since the Account from the Havanna is that Don Pedro with twenty Sail of Privateers is Designd for the Capes of De la ware Bay in April next and may straggle on to our Cost

I Subscribe Your Honers

Obedient humble Servant

J L

to his honble Gideon Wanton Esqr

[Indorsed] A Copy of Letter to Gover Wanton March 21 1747/8

CALEB GRISWOLD TO JONATHAN LAW.

WETHERSFIELD march 21 1748

Honnord Sr

your Honor was pleased to appoint me master of the Coleny Sloop Defence the year past and I hearing that Shee is fitting for Service as usull I Should be verry willing to Serve in Sd post if it be agrable to your Honnor Hooping I have discharged my Betrustment to the Satisfaction of your Ho[ ]r but with dew Submison to your honnor I take leave to Subscribe my Self your Honnors obedient And Humble Servant

CALEB GRISWOLD

[Superscribed] To the Honrle JONATHAN LAW Esqr Govener of His Majesties Coleny of Conecticut in Newengland

[Indorsed by Law] Master Griswold

JOHN LEDYARD AND JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

May it Please yr Honour

At the Desire of a Friend we take ye Liberty to inform your Honour that the Bearer hereof Mr David Gardiner junr is a Gentleman of good Charrecter and Intrest his Bond for a valuable Sum of money We Esteem Sufficient

Sr Yr most Obt Humе Servts

JOHN LEDYARD
JER: MILLER

NEW LONDON 26 March 1748

The Honle JONN LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honle JONN LAW Esqr at Milford ℞ Mr D Gardiner

[Indorsed] Mr Miller and Ledyards recd March 30th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

MILFORD March 30th 1747/8

Sr

by Mr Gardner you have inclos'd a Commision to Mr Joseph Hurlbutt and a bond to be Executed by him and

others who will inform you in that Particular, after the Bond is Executed you may Deliver the Com^{sn} to Mr Hurlbutt and Send me the Bond Capt Hurlbutt^{s} not being here occasioned this Trouble to you, you'l give Mr Hurlbutt the oath of Allegiance &c and am S^{r}

Your Humble Servant

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Mr Miller March 30 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO MICHAEL BURNHAM.

MILFORD March 30 1748

S^{r}

This Comes to order and Direct you to repair to New London and take Care of the Colony Sloop Defence with the officers who servd under you the Last Summer And Shipp on board her Eighty Able bodied Effective Men including Officers and as Soon as may be proceed on a Cruise as heretofore from the West end of Long Island to Martha's Vineyard and if it may be in Consort with the Rhoad Island Guard Vesell and Continue your Cruises till further Order. to all which the Com^{tee} of warr have Consented

Given Under my hand the Date Above

JONTH LAW

to Mr BURNHAM

[Indorsed] A Copy of A Letter to Capt Burnham March 30 1748

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH March 31st 1748

S^{r}

I take this opertunity by Mr Siliman to return you my thanks for the Care you took of my sons Com^{n} and to Inform you that he began his March from Hartford last Satursday with his Company Not full the reason Whereof was sundry men he had Inlisted did not appear at his Muster and 8 or 10 that had Inlisted in the County of Hamshire Coll^{o} Stodard struck of by Impressing them on

News of the Mischief done at Number 4 he has left his Lt behind to bring forward the Remainder and I hope all will be to the satisfaction of Govr Clinton since all possible Dispatch has been made by him since he recd his Comn

This day I hope to finish this Tedious Circuitt which has been Extraordinary for length of time severity of Weather muliplicity of Bussiness and a Wonderfull Endeavor in the Attorneys to fix the matter firm in our Memories by repeating all their arguments over and over and over again to us in their pleadings*

There is swiming in these parts a Currant report that your Honr has Got positive orders to send us on an Expedition agt Canada this summer I have Given my uttmost attention to hear what observations the people Generally Make on this News but Can hear of None but only this that it has brought the officers in the late Canada Expedition into the pangs of the New birth

Give my service to Madam Law Maj Newton and all friends and alwaies remember how much I desire to be Esteemed

Your Very Humble Servt

R WOLCOTT

To Govr LAW

[Superscribed] To The Honable JONATHN LAW Esqr In Milford pr E Siliman Esqr

[Indorsed] M D G Wolcott March 31 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO JOHN LEDYARD.

MILFORD May 7th 1748

Sr

Having Duplicates of the Kings Proclamations and his Instructions about Privateering I thôt it might fully answer

* The Superior Court was established in 1711. It was to hold two sessions annually in each of the four counties. It was at first composed of a chief judge and four other judges, any three of whom were to constitute a quorum. The governor was appointed the chief judge, and the remainder were four distinguished members of the Council. In the absence of the governor, his place was occupied by the deputy governor, and it was still very early in the history of the court when the latter came to be commonly chosen to preside. *Loomis and Calhoun. Judicial and Civil History of Connecticut*, p. 131.

what you wanted to send you one his Majties Instructions with such a Certificate on it as I have made and I would only inform you That yesterday I recd a Letter from the D of Bedford Secry of State enclosing a Proclamation from his Majty which confirms me in my Opinion That his Majties Proclamation of Warr did enable me to issue Letters of Marqe and explains his Majesties Intention to have included such as are coming from as well as going to french Ports wch I did not putt into my Comn. without doubt ye same Proclamation is sent to Boston as is came to me wch you pray see consider and improve if Occasion so require

from your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

JOHN LEDYARD Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Ledyard May 7 1748

JOHN STODDARD TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

NTH HAMPTON May 22, at night, 1748

Sr

I Recvd your's of the 14 Instant by which I perceive that it has been Represented to you that there was some uneasiness in your Souldiers at the proposal of some of them going to Coll Hinsdals. but I Believe the truth of the Matter is thus. that when they were in this Town there were Several of them very willing to go, when they got to Deerfield the Inhabitants having a desire to have them tarry there, Endeavoured to discourage them, hoping thereby to Engross them, and some of their Officers had something of a fondness for keeping their whole Company together, but I don't pretend to know how far they sided with the Inhabitants, but have been often told that when the Officers drew out the Men, there were Sixteen men Offered themselves to go.

Last night after I was in bed I recvd your's of ye 20th wherein you propose that I should give Orders for the Posting of the 80 men, which seems at present almost Impracticable because I have not been advised who the Officers are

nor where they may be found, and I am going to Morrow Morning to Boston to Attend our Assembly which I thought necessary to Inform you of, that you might give the necessary Orders to direct their Marching in the Shortest Roads, and it would seem Something Strange for me to give Orders for your mens Marching whilest in your Government.

I propose that the men be Posted in the following manner viz

at New-Hampton	20	New-Hampton is
at Blanford	16	at present deserted,
at Brewers at 12 Mile Pond	8	but I hope we shall
at New Marlborough	8	be able to perswade
at Stockbridge	15	them back again, if
at the upper Parish in Sheff^{d}	13	we can't there will be
	80	a great number of

farmers in this and the neighbouring Towns that will quit their habitations as they have done.

I look upon it that the number sent a very Scanty supply for the Protection of so many places, and all Circumstances being considered I can't think but that the above Division of them is right.

you Intimate in your Letter that so small a number of the Enemy's giving us so much disturbance is an Indication of Heavens Displeasure, and is a call for Repentance of our Sins. which is doubtles true but our unhappiness is that we can be sensible of Sins in Generall and in others, but no Body Guilty themselves. and whilest we seek to Skreen our Selves rather than to find wherein we have faild our Selves I have little hopes of Repentance and Reformation

If it should be Suggested that we are feeding our Enemy by large Supplies of Provisions, even to the distressing our Selves, which I apprehend cannot be done without the privity (at least) of some in authority, yet arguments will be Invented to Excuse such a Conduct. If it should be thought that the Governments are Guilty of great Injustice and Oppression in Continuing such an unstable and uncertain Medium of Commerce there will appear

many that will devise pretexts to Justifie them.

If it should be said that the Governments are not tender of the lives and liberties of the Subjects, and don't timely and Sufficiently provide for the Safety of the frontiers, whereby Multitudes of poor People have been distressed and ruined, one and another will be ready to Excuse themselves, with Imagining they are unable, or that they have done their Proportion &c.

but I have got into too large a field for a few Minute's Leisure and can only Subscribe my self your very Humble Servant

JOHN STODDARD

The Honble ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr

MICHAEL BURNHAM TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON maye 24 1748

Maye it pleas your Honor

I Take this opertunity to acquaint your Honnor that we Espying a Snow this morning Stood out and Gave Chace to her and at about 2 Clock Brought her too and having Examined her found her to be a french flag of Truce from Cape francois Bound to New york her Cargo Consists of one 100 hhds of molloses and about 82 hhds of Shugar We have this Eving brought her into New lond I thought proper to advise your honner with as much Speed as might be and would beg your Honner to advise me how to Conduct in the affair we all Hoope your honnor and the honnorable assembly will think well of this our procedings: sinc we have don it in obedienc to his majestes late procklimation this with my humble Regards and duty to your Honnor I Take leave to Subcribe my Self your Honnors most obedient and Humble Ser^t

MICHAEL BURNHAM

P S the Capt Name is peter pareen her papers all that are Come to hand are frnch

[Superscribed] To the Honorable JONATHAN LAW Esq Govener in Chief of his majesties Colony of Conecticut thes

[Indorsed] Capt Michael Burnham's Letter May 24th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

HARTFORD May 25th 1748

Sir

Yours of the 18th of November I received and on the 5th of March Govr Shirley Informed me that by a Letter from Mr Bollen Dated Decembr 10 800000ll was on ye 4th granted by Parliament to ye New Englanders to defray and reimburse them of their Expences in the Cape-Briton and Canada Expeditions which he accidentally hearing that Capt Barnard waiting about a Month for Convoy at Portsmouth, gave him Opportunity by a Post to send to Capt Barnard and he doubted not but that in a short time I should have the Same acct from you. I have since recd a Paquett from the D. of Bedford with the Kings Proclamation against all Commerce with the French (without one word about the Spaniards) I cant acct for my not having the desireable news from you, but we have a Rumour from Boston That Mr Bollen gives acct that he was imposed upon. A more perticular Acct of our charges in Garisoning Louisburge has been ordered to be drawn up, but the Gentlemen have not finished it; I am Sorry but will take first opportunity to transmitt it as Soon as finisht. Our Difficulties are great, Three Companys or more are sent Sometime since to the Protection of Albany, two Companys to the Massathusetts frontiers 80 more are going and our own frontiers are alarmed with the Skulking Enemy as we have it by repeated accts

The Young Gentleman who brings you this acct is Son to the Revd Mr Whittelsey of Wallingford a Discreet prudent young man acquainted with Trade, who comes with a Merchantile view whom if you shall shew favour to I shall look upon as done to my self

I have Just now had an acct from the Capt of our Sloop of Warr that he has brot in to N London a Snow with 100hhs of Molasses and 82hhs of Sugars bound from Cape Francois to N York a french Flagg of Truce

I shall do the best I can abt your Salery and Subscribe

Your very Humble Servant

ELIAKIM PALMER Esqr

[Indorsed] Letter to Agent Palmer Dated May 25th 1748

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 25th May 1748

Sir

I have the pleasure to tell you Collll Johnson is returned from his Embassy to Onondaga, where he has been so successfull as to prevent the Indians going to Canada, as they intended this Summer; I have enclosed you one Part of their Answer to Collll Johnsons Speech, not having time by the first oppertunity shall send you the whole Treaty.

I must desire of you to Assist the bearer in any thing he may require for dispatch & hope you will excuse hast from

Sir Your obedient
humble Servant
G CLINTON

His Honour Governr Lawes Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Clintons Letter May 25th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO MICHAEL BURNHAM.

Hartford May 28 1748

Sr

I recd yours of this Instant. I informd the Court of your Motion and I think obtaind ye Consent of both Houses That I should give you a Letter of Marque and Reprisall but was then informd you were out on a Cruise and in as much as that cant be granted without your Bond with Sureties, I deferrd it till Opportunity should offer for it on your Return and when you gave Acct of your good fortune I thôt to have wrote to you but understanding you had applyd to Coll Fitch, I depended on the good Advise he would give you, and knowing that what I did in ye name of the Assembly must be with their Advice I forebore And now the Opinion seems to be and accordingly directed the Naval Officer to hasten Home and with Mr Collecter to take the Snow and Cargoe and Crew into their Care and Custody that you may be at Liberty. and you having sent to Boston for proper forms for Libelling against her you will

proceed to call a Judge of Admiralty to hear and determine the affair with all convenient Speed as you are obligd to, and that no Scruple is to be made but that all who shall be adjudgd interest therein will readily contribute their proportionable part of the Charge. I can only inform you That Coll[l] Morris is Judge of Admiralty here and that he has given a Deputation for six months to Cap[t] Elihue Hall and whether he or the Judge himself may be applyd to, you will consider and proceed by the best Advice. I think Coll[l] Fitch will be improvd as Agent for us.

In hast I Subscribe
Your humble Servant
J L

Capt[n] BURNHAM

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Cap[t] Burnham May 28 1748

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 4, 1748.

Sir,

The Council and House of Representatives of this Province taking into consideration the extreme Burthen of the Warr lying upon them, wherein their Expence of men and money is vastly greater than what the most of the Northern Colonies have hitherto born & has much exceeded what any one of them have in proportion to our Ability; By Reason of which our difficulties in carrying on the War are insupportable by our Selves; and forasmuch as our Western Frontier is a Barrier to your Colony and your safety depends upon our maintaining that post, and your Charge in the War being very inconsiderable in proportion to ours. They have desired that I would acquaint your Government with their Request that you would make an addition to the Number of Connecticutt Men now on the said Western Frontier and take upon you the whole charge of Subsisting your own Officers and Soldiers: But for your better Information in the said Affair I have inclosed a Copy of the Message of the two Houses, And I must earnestly desire

Your Honour to lay this matter before your General Court as soon as possible & use your Interest for obtaining the thing asked for, and that you would let me have me have your answer by the first Opportunity.

I am Sir,

Your Honour's most

Obedient, Humble Servt

W SHIRLEY

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York 6 June 1748

Sir

Agreeable to my promise to You in my last by Express, I send you the Treaty wch Colo Johnson had at Onondaga wth the Indians in order to be laid before Your General Court, and I have directed the Express to call upon You in his return from Boston for your Answer

I am Sir

Your most Hble St

G CLINTON

Govr Law

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons June 6 recd ye 8th 1748

THOMAS HILL TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Whitehall, June ye 8th 1748.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by my Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to send you the inclosed Heads of Enquiry, & to desire your particular Answer thereto as soon as may be, together with your Observations upon such Points as you shall think necessary; and you are desired to make a Return thereto every six Months, that their Lordships may be apprized of any Alterations which may happen in the Circumstances of your Government: I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

THOS HILL

Governor and Company of Connecticut.

BOARD OF TRADE'S QUERIES.

Queries from the Board of Trade, to the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut.

What is the situation of the Colony under Your Government; the Nature of the Country, Soil and Climate, the Latitudes and Longitudes of the most considerable Places in it, or the Neighbouring French or Spanish Settlements? Have those Latitudes and Longitudes been Settled by good Observations, or only by Common Computations, and from whence are the Longitudes computed?

What are the reputed Boundaries, and are any Parts thereof disputed, what Parts and by whom?

What is the Constitution of the Government?

What is the Trade of the Colony, the Number of Shipping, their Tonnage, and the Number of Sea-faring Men, with the respective Increase or Diminution within ten years past?

What Quantity and Sorts of British Manufactures do the Inhabitants annually take from hence?

What Trade has the Colony under Your Government with any foreign Plantations, or any part of Europe, besides Great Britain? How is that Trade carried on? What Commodities do the people under your Government send to, or receive from Foreign Plantations?

What Methods are there used to prevent Illegal Trade, and are the same Effectual?

What is the natural Produce of the Country, Staple Commodities and Manufactures? And what Value thereof in Sterling Money may you annually export?

What Mines are there?

What is the Number of Inhabitants, Whites and Blacks?

Are the Inhabitants increased or decreased within the last Ten Years? How much, and for what Reasons?

What is the Number of the Militia?

What Forts and Places of Defence are there within Your Government? and in what Condition?

What Number of Indians have you, and how are they inclined?

What is the Strength of the Neighbouring Indians?

What is the Strength of your Neighbouring Europeans, French or Spaniards?

What Effect have the French or Spanish Settlements on the Continent of America, upon His Majesty's Plantations, especially on your Colony?

What is the Revenue arising within Your Government, and how is it appropriated?

What are the Ordinary and extraordinary Expenses of Your Government?

What are the Establishments Civil and Military, within Your Government, and by what Authority do the Officers hold their places?

Connecticut

[Indorsed] 20 Queries from the Board of Trade Received Sepr 13th 1748

BOARD OF TRADE TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL; June ye 8th 1748.

Gentlemen,

Inclosed We send you a printed Copy of an Act passed here in the last Session of Parliament, for encouraging the making of Indico in the British Plantations in America, which We hope will promote the Cultivation of this Valuable Commodity in all His Majesty's Colonys where the same is or may be produced.

If therefore there now are or hereafter shall be any Plantations of Indico within the Colony under your Government, We recommend it to Your particular Care, that the several Provisions of this Act be honestly and punctually complied with, and you are to transmit to Us an Account of said the Plantations, the Names of the Planters with the Quantity of Indico they make, as also the Quantity of such Indico exported, distinguishing the time when and

the Port where Shipped, the Names of the Vessels and the Ports to which bound.

And if there be any foreign Indico imported into your Colony, you are also to transmit to Us an Account of such foreign Indico imported, distinguishing the Quantity and time when imported; together with an Account of such Indico exported, distinguishing the time when and the Port where Shipped, the Names of the Vessels and the Ports to which Bound.

These Accounts you are desired to send regularly every Six Months, that we may be as exactly informed, as the Nature of the thing will admit, of every increase or decrease of the Quantity of Indico produced in and Exported from His Majesty's Plantations in America.

We likewise send you inclosed an Act passed in the 20th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, entituled, An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act made in the 13th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, entituled, An Act for Naturalizing foreign Protestants and others therein mentioned, as are settled or Shall settle in any of His Majesty's Colonies in America, to other foreign Protestants who conscientiously Scruple the taking of an Oath.*

So We bid you heartily farewell, and are

Your very loving Friends
and Humble Servants,

J PITT
J GRENVILLE
DUPPLIN

Govr and Compa of the Colony of Connecticut
[Indorsed by Law] Orders of the Board of Trade Signed
J Pitt &c Duplicate

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*The printed copies of the two Acts of Parliament here referred to, with others received from time to time by the Colony, are in the library of the Connecticut Historical Society. One is indorsed in an unknown handwriting "[In]dico Act [? receiv]ed Septr 13th 1748." The other bears this indorsement by Governor Law, "An Act for Naturalization of Protestan foreigners Duplicate 1747."

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 11th 1748

Sir,

His Excellency Governour Clinton having appointed an Interview with the Indians of the Six Nations to be held at Albany the tenth of July next, wherein matters of great Importance to the safety and welfare of all his Majestys Colonies in North America will be transacted, I have at the desire of the General Assembly of this province (a Copy of whose Vote I inclose you) as also of Govr Clinton, and in Consequence of his Majestys Commands to me to join with Governour Clinton in this Service, determin'd (God willing) to be present at the Interview, attended by Commissioners from this Province, and as a full Representative; by Commissioners from all the Northern Colonies will have a great tendency to render our Negociations with the Six Nations Successful, and fix them in his Majestys Interest, and engage them in carrying on the war against his Majestys Enemies, and as other matters may be Transacted at the said Congress, which may be for the lasting Security and Advantage of these Colonies, I do now upon my own meer motion and the Solicitous desire I have that his Majestys Service upon this Continent may be Consulted in the best manner and the Interests of all his Colonies there be most effectually Secured, as well as at the request of the General Assembly earnestly desire Your Honour would cause Commissioners to be sent from your Government to be present at the aforesaid Interview, and to Consult and join with the other Commissioners there in transacting the several matters contained and proposed in the inclosed Copy of the beforementioned Vote. I shall write to all the rest of the English Governours from New Hampshire to Mary land. and am with great Regard

Sir, Your Honours most Obedient
humble Servant
W SHIRLEY

The Honble Governour LAW

[Indorsed] Governour Shirley's Letter June 11th 1748
recd 17th

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD June 11th 1748

Sr

The Bearer hereof Ephraim Washborn of a Neighbouring Town moving to me for my Consent That he with forty or fifty more might go forth in Quest of the Enemy under the Encouragement of your Excellency and Govt for three or four months at 10s ℔ diem all Equal and to be left to their own Discretion in the Prosecution of the Business and he proposes they Should all furnish themselves with Cloathing, Arms, Amunition, and two Great Doggs to Each man to be bilited at your Governments Charg, A futher Account wr of he will lay before you, which Occasions my writing at this time. he sais he has been a Sergt under Capt Woster in your Service at Albany and that he has taken pains to find out and some way Engage such a number of likely men for such an Undertaking.

I had by your Express the Comfortable Information of the Good Success of Coll[l] Johnson's Embassy at Onondagoe and am very thankfull for your Care and prudence in taking so seasonable a steep in an Affair of so great Consequence to the whole Countrey.

The Same day I recd a Request from Governour Shirley pursuant to an Address of both houses to be laid before our Asembly for their undertaking the protection of hamshire County at the Charge of this Colony intirely. but it Came to my hands too late, the Assembly being broke up. two hundred of our men are already in that County A Difficulty has happened in this Govt so that we have no Dep Govr*

I must break off with only a Repetition

That I am Your Excellencies

most obedient humble Servant

J LAW

G CLINTON Esqr Govr &c &c &c

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Clinton June 11 1748

℔ Washbon

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*The freemen had made no choice of a Deputy Governor; and at the Court of Election in May 1748 no choice was made by the Assembly, as the two Houses could not agree on a method of election. The October Assembly appointed Roger Wolcott, who previously had been annually elected since 1742, to that position.

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

New London June 13 1748

Honble Sir

I have the Pleasure to advise You, that Capt Fullerton, who arriv'd at Newport last Friday (where I then was) in about 6 Weeks from the Orkneys & 12 Weeks from Hull brot the Printed Votes of the House of Commons of 4th April last, out of which I Extracted the Inclos'd Votes. As to the Publick News, he had nothing later then the last Week News Papers contain'd. I congratulate Yr Honr & this Colony *in Special*, at this agreable Prospect of a Reimbursmt & hope the Canada Affair will in due time meet a favourable Resolve in the British Parliament. I am

Yr Honours Most Obedt Humе Servt

G SALTONSTALL

P. S. Friday last arriv'd Capt Rouse a Flagg Truce at N'Port, who was by Mr Knowles caried to Jamaica, & there dismist, with divers others, without Trial; haveing paid the Colector there the Kings Dutys One of the F. Truce haveing been try'd & acquited, caus'd a discharge for all the Rest

To the Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Govr

[Superscribed] To The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Governour att Milford ℔ favr Mr President

[Indorsed] Coll Saltonstalls June 13 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Milford June 14th 1748

Sr

On the eighth Instant I recd yours of the 3d, the day on which our Assembly adjournd. I laid before them your Scheme for putting a period to our paper currency, but having a Rumour of your Assemblies rejecting it and hearing nothing further from you, no Measures were taken about it.

Two hundred of our men are posted in your Frontiers

and three Companies in New York and eighty men on our Coast.

I think we are in Debt about three hundred and 60 thousand pounds thô very little the more for any Allowance made to me. Our Countrey Sloop will cost us this Sumer abt 15 or 16000ll.

About 40 or 50 Rangers propose to goe forth for three or four months double Doggd and with that proposal I wrote last Saturday to Govr Clinton by one who would undertake under the favour of his Excellency.

I recd a Paquett from the Duke of Bedford dated 25 of febr yet I have not the good News your Excellency thôt I should in a short time receive from Mr Palmer agreeable to what you had from Mr Bollen 10th of Decembr last. what may be the hindrance I cant say and still dwell in hope.

We yet fail of a D Govr, (to my grief) for ye want of 50 Votes to make a Majority of abt 4 or 5000

I begg leave to Subscribe
Your Excellencies most humble
obedient Servant
J. LAW.

Govr Shirley
[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley June 14 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

Milford June 14th 1748

Sr

The Comtee of warr having agreed That you should receive and dispose to the best Advantage of the Govt the Chest of Druggs provided for the intended Expedition against Canada and Deliver the money into the Treasurers hands, taking his Receit for the same, I do herby desire and direct you accordingly

Given under my hand the Date abovesd
JONATHAN LAW GovR

Jeremiah Miller Esqr
[Indorsed] A Copy of A Letter to Mr Miller June 14 1748

GEORGE WYLLYS TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD June 15th 1748

Sr

'tis now but a few Days since Majr Pitkin was with me, and expressing some concern that the Accounts of the Expences in the Cape Breton Expedition were not yet compleated, and fitt to be Transmitted Home. Wee concluded imediatly to do all in our Power towards perfecting them, and for such Purpose judging it needful to have in our Hands the Duplicate of the Accounts, in that Affair that had been already sent Home, Ordered an Express (who I suppose is now on his Journey) to wait on Your Honr for obtaining the same, but as (I presume) the Officers concerned in that Expedition cannot be had, or prevailed with properly to Avouch these new Accounts, and the Assembly passed no Sanction upon them, I see not at present, how they may be so authenticated as to obtain the Approbation of the Boards before which they are to be laid, in England, Your Honour will please to Advise & direct us herein.

As to the Agents Salary, shall inform Colo Stanly of yr Honour's Pleasure, who will doubtless take the necessary Care, as usually he has done.

The comittee appointed to take into their Consideration the state of the Warr with the French and Indians &c I conclude mett to consult therein, for they had of me the Bill formerly agreed to by the Assembly granting Premia for Indian Scalps &c but made no Report, that came to my Knowledge, in the Matter.

I observe no Act wherein Your Honour is especially concerned, but the enclosed for granting a Letter of Marque to the Capt of the Colony Sloop.

The Transaction relating to New York, And the Motion of the Governor of the Massachusets pursuant to the Address of the Assembly of that Province, I am favour'd with, may (especially the latter) with the Consequencies, be of great Weight & Importance and deserve Attention (thô it should not be complyed with) And I presume Yr Honour permits me to comunicate them to such Gentlemen of the Councel

as I shall meet with whereby I may have the Pleasure of being so serviceable as to Occasion them to give their Sentiments herein.

I am Your Honours most obedient
Humble Servant
GEORGE WYLLYS

The Honble JON^TH^ LAW Esqr

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

LONDON 20 June 1748

*The Honble Jon^a^ Law Esqr*
S^r^.

Not having been favour'd with any from your Honour since my last (Copys of which have already been forwarded) I have at present very little to add thereto the Occasion of it is that the Lords of the Treasury with whom it lyes to determine the time & manner of reimbursing the Colonys their Expences in taking & Garrisoning Cape Breton as well as the Intended Expedition against Canada, have been Adjourn'd for some time without coming to any resolution about it, notwithstanding a Constant & wearied Attendance upon them on that Acco^t^. this Difficulty does not now arise from the want of Money for that Purpose (I mean as to Cape Breton) there being now in the Treasury a Sufficiency therefor as granted by Parliam^t^, but from an Apprehension that if it were to be Issued all at once it might Occasion so Sudden & great a fall of the Exchange as would be productive of great Inconveniences amongst you, particularly to those who had large Quantity's of goods by them bought at a high Advance, but as their Lordships will meet again in about a fortnight I doubt not their putting this Affair upon some Certain Footing very soon of which you shall be timely Advisd, how I shall Succeed in the Canada Affair is much more Uncertain as I can't yet Learn what representation Govr Shirley (to whom it was referr'd) has made thereof, I have only to Confirm My

former Advices in relation to the Approaching Peace which is look'd upon as out of all Doubt, the Accession of the Spaniards to the Preliminarys being hourly Expected & to Conclude at present

Yo^r Hon^rs & the Colonys
most Faithf^l Hum^be Servt
ELIAK^M PALMER

P S I have Communicated that part of your Hon^rs Letter which related to Silk to the Board of Trade who seem inclin'd to give any reasonable Incouragem^t if they knew what would be thought so; I would therefore recommend the Consideration of that to your Honour

Coppy

[Indorsed] Agent Palmer's of June 20th 1748 Received Septr 13th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO GURDON SALTONSTALL.

MILFORD June 22^d 1748

S^r

Yours of the 13th Instant Gives me the agreeable News of a Reimbursment of our Cape Breton Expences granted by the Parliament on the 4th of April, in such manner as that I can securly rely on, which excuseth me of too much Incredulity on Mr Bollens Account of its being done on the 4th of December. I have taken paines to procure the Account Coll^l Trumble has been drawing up in order to send home and I understand the State of the Affair there is no Occasion for it the Summ is stated and will not be altered and If the Case be So, and Opportunity presents you may inform him that he may forbear any further trouble about it. I doubt not of a Confermation from Mr Palmer by the first Opportunity. I am told by one & another That a Report of my having granted Flaggs of Truce to the Rhode Islanders is industriously spread abroad to my prejudice I am sure I never gave one nay I never was so much as desired to grant one If you or Mr. Ledyard disposd of that you had of me to any of that Gov^t (though I don't understand how that is practicible) should be glad to

know it. I can't belive thô I was told the Last night That Mr. Ledyard should say I took 10ll new Tenour for it. I Remember you generously gave me 3ll old Tenour thô I did not ask it. I have had a bade Turn of ye Chollick since I gott home and remain much indisposd and Subscrbe

Your humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

To Collr Saltonstall.

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Collr Saltonstall June 22d 1748

THOMAS HILL TO JONATHAN LAW.

Fairfield. June 27th 1748

Most Honoured Sr

These Come to acquaint yor Honr that our Coursters, masters of vessells from Boston, Informs me yt Dor miller maks them pay thirty Shillings a hogshed for all ye Rum They bring from Boston, as Naval officer, & ye Law obliges ye Importers of all Goods wares &c brought from ye neighbouring Govrments into This Govrment shall pay five pr Cent for all Goods &c Except what is Excepted in ye Law & Rum being a merchantdies & not Excepted in ye Law therefore I understand ye Duty on Rum now is ye Same with other Goods, & Conll [Fi]tch is of yt oppinion, but if yor Honour is of a Different oppoinion I should be Glad if yor Honour will be pleasd to Give me Directions how to act in yt affair for people are very uneasey to pay 5 pr Cent for any Goods, but if they must pay 5 pr Cent & 30s pr Hogshed more to ye naval officer, they will be very much Inreaged, if yor Honr should be of ye oppinion ye 30s should not be paid over & above ye 5 pr Cent should be Glad you will be pleased to advise Dor miller of it, but otherwise should be Glad yor Honr would advise me ye first opportunity

Honoured Sr your Compliance with my Request will very much oblige yor most obediant Humle Servt & Comd

THO HILL

[Superscribed] The Honourable Jonth Law Esqr In Milford These

[Indorsed] Capt Hills Letter June 27 1748 recd June 29th 1748

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL 28th June 1748

Gentlemen,

The Act of Accession of the King of Spain, as likewise That of the Republick of Genoa, to the Preliminaries signed at Aix la Chapelle the 19th of April O. S. 1748, having been signed there by their respective Plenipotentiaries on the 28th Instt N. S. in consequence of which, Hostilities are to cease, as well by Sea as Land, according to the Terms & Periods agreed upon for a Suspension of Arms, in the Treaty signed at Paris the 19th Day of August N. S. 1712. I herewith inclose to you a Literal Translation of the Clauses of the said Treaty of the 19th of August N S 1712 which relate to this matter, & which, together with my Letter to you of the 7th May last, & the Copy of His Majesty's Proclamation, which was therein inclosed, will serve for your Information, & for the Rule of your Conduct on this occasion; and you are to give proper Directions, to the end that all His Majesty's Subjects in your Government, may pay due Obedience to, & strictly observe the same.

I am Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant.

BEDFORD

Govr & Compy of Connecticut.

[Indorsed by Law] D of Bedfords June 28 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

MILFORD June 29 1748

Sr

This Minute by the Post from Capt hill

The Question is proposd to me Whether the Import on Rumm ℔ hd be included, in the Duty laid there on? and send to you, and my sudden thorts are that the Lesser is Comprehended in the Greater and had not that been the Design of it, it would have added (besides or exclusive) of

all other Deutys, other-waies it seems to me, to be a virtual Repeal of the former

J. LAW

JER MILLER Esqr

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Mr Miller June 29 1748

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON June 29. 1748

Hon^le Sir

Your favour of 22^d Inst is now before me, & in obedience thereto, shall advise Col^o Trumble, not to take further care respect^g the Cape Breton Accots.

It's a grief to me, that any false Reports, respecting Your Hon^rs granting Comissions for Flags of Truce to Rhode Islanders should be spread abroad in the Colony to your disadvantage. I han't heard any such Report here, nor elsewhere. And as to Mr Ledyard's saying you took £10 new tenor for the Com^n to Capt Miler, I can't conceive he ever said so, since its not true. I han't seen him since your favour came to hand, therefore could not discourse him on this Subject.

Your Hon^r seems to Imagine it possible that the Com^n granted to Mr Miller might be dispos'd off to some Gent^n at Rhode Island. the bare Imagination gives me no little concern; & to convince Your Hon^r theirs no foundation for such a surmise, inclos'd I send you that Comiss^n you was pleas'd to grant Capt Miller, at Mr Ledyard & my Request; for wch wee were Oblig'd & had wee misus'd it, Should justly have deserv'd your highest sensure.

Govr Shirley & Commissioners from Boston are expected to Stonington or N. L. this week to embark for Long Island, & thence to York & Albany, where they are to meet the 5 Nations, and I learn, a principle part of their Design is, *in Conjunction with N' York*, to perswade two, or more of the Sachems, to go to Great Brittain & Sollicit his Majesty for Ships &c to form a Canada Expedition the ensuing year. *Provided the War continues*, And that all the

English Colonies in America be commanded to Assist in this Grand Affair. Its expected this manner of Soliciting, will be much more effectual, then any that can be made by the Agents of the Colonys.

Notwithstanding any Reports your Hon^r may have heard, give me leave to say with the utmost Sincerity, that I am verily

Y^r Hon^rs Oblig^d & Hum^e Servt
G. SALTONSTALL

To the Honble JON^A LAW Esqr Govr

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour att Milford

[Indorsed] Coll^l Saltonstalls Letter June 29th 1748 rec^d July 1st

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^N June 29. 1748

S^r

I had ye fav^r of a Line from Yo^r Hon^r Some time Since, the Rec^t of which I shou'd have acknowleg^d by ye Last Post, but that I was then very Ill, and not much better now.

I shall pursu^t to y^r Hon^rs Direction when Ever I am able to go out, take Care of ye Drs Chest & Dispose of ye Contents to ye best benefit of ye Colony. I am

S^r wth greatest Esteam
Yo^r Hon^rs most obedient
& most obliged Hum^le Servt
JER. MILLER

To Govr LAW

[Superscribed] The Honble J. LAW Esqr Govern^r &c at Millford per J. Miller.

[Indorsed] Mr Miller's Letter June 29 1748 rec^d July 1th

[This letter carries a red wax seal bearing an impression of what is probably the Miller arms. The shield bears a chevron between three heads, perhaps of Wolves, erased. The crest is a similar head, also erased.]

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS HILL.

MILFORD July 1st 1748

Sr

Yours of 27th last I recd did not open it till the Post went from me and then by a word or two in hast signifyd to Mr Miller That I thôt the lesser duty was comprehended in the greater. and so a virtual Repeal

It seems to me That if a law had been That 40s ℔ HHd should be paid for five years next coming without saying besides the 30s before laid No Body would have thôt That 5–10–0 was ye duty and I see no essential difference between laying the duty on the Quantity and the value, and it is really a Suspension of the first duty for a time. but I leave it to better Judgements.

and Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

Capt HILL

[Indorsed] A Copy of a Letter to Capt Hill July 1st 1748

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 23 July 1748

Sir

My last to Yor Honour was the 20th June Coppy of which has already been forwarded. since that the Lords of the Treasury whose Province it is to Issue the money due to the Colonys for their Expenses in the Reduction of Cape Breton as Granted by Parliamt have again taken that Affair under their Consideration & have been frequently attended upon it, But as their Lordships are of Opinion that this money ought to be applyd in such a manner as to lay a foundation for sinking the Paper money now Currant in the Colonys or at least fixing the value of it, And as a great variety of Schemes have been laid before Them for this Purpose Differing very materially as to the manner of doing it their Lordships have thot fitt to Deliberate on a matter

of so much Consequence; It being the Sense of the House of Commons when the money was granted that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury should be the Judges in what manner it shall be Issu'd, They have appointed us a hearing upon it the 27th Instant which I hope will produce a final Determination of the matter.

I have as Agent for the Colony as well as Agent for the Regiment rais'd in Connecticut for an Expedition to Canada laid before the Treasury an Accott of the pay due to them, and the Expences the Colony were at in providing Arms & Cloathing amounting in all to Thirty thousand two hundred forty six pounds twelve & eight pence Sterling Viz—

Officers & Soldiers pay.....		£23449 19 4
Accott of Arms & Cloathing	£50975	
Currancy computing 750 for one as the Exchange then govern'd is Sterling.....		6796 13 4
Totall		£30246 12 8

and think I have grounds for Believing I shall have a favourable Answer to my Demand without any representation from Mr Shirley (none having yet Appeared) tho: I am not so Sanguine as to give any Assurances of it The above Accott includes the whole time from the 30th May 1746 to the 31st of Octor 1747 without regard to the Interval in which the Men had withdrawn to provide the necessarys of Life for themselves & Familys wch I hope I shall be able to convince their Lordships (should that Objection be started) they are justly intitled to as their being taken from their usual Occupations & having their thoughts turnd to a Military Life must necessarily be attended wth many other Inconveniences than barely the loss of the time in wch they were in actual Service. I have only to add further that if the Colony have any other Demands on this Government for Expences incur'd by this Service no time should be lost in preparing and transmitting them as I apprehend it is absolutely necessary it should be done before the next

meeting of the Parliamt wch I presume will be in November

I am Your Honours & the Colonys

most Faithfull humle Servt

ELIAKM PALMER.

P. S. Since the above I have reciev'd a Letter from Yor Honr by Mr Whittelsey and shall have regard to your Recommendation by rendering him any Services in my power.

To The Honble JonA Law Esqr

[Indorsed] Agent Palmers Letter 23 July 1748 Receid 7th Sebbr

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford July 25th 1748

Sr

The Enclosed Letters I Recd by an Express from Lt Govr Phips and have this day Laid them before the Comittee for the War. To them the Afair appears to be Attended with Dificulty To suffer the Enemy to remain on our frontiers and feed themselves with our Spoills and Cutt off our people att every advantage Threatens the utter ruin of the frontier on the other hand for us to advance a sufficent scout to Clear them off from us and to provide and send with them Necessary subsistance at this time when provissions are very scarce with us will take some time and be very Dificult we Dont find that the Assembly has Impowered us to it and the News from home of a Cessation of Armes my render the designe Abortive before Accomplished if we should Enter in to it. These Considerations have Disposed the Comtee to Lay the Case before your Honr hopeing that you in your Wisedome will Direct us so as to make our path plain before us

Hereupon I have sent the papers to you by an Express desireing your Honr to Direct in what manner we may further proceed in Granting or deneying Govr phips request by which you will oblige

your Humble servt

ROGER WOLCOTT

To The Honable JonATH Law Esqr

p s Lt Govr phips will Expect a speady Answer it will therefore be needfull you send your Opinion with the papers by the Express the brings you this

R W

[Indorsed] D G Wolcotts of 25th of July 1748 recd 26th

JOSIAH WILLARD TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Fort Dummer July 15th A. D. 1748

May it please your Excellency,

Our Circumstances are become the most Difficult and melancholly, The Enemy are so numerous & continually around us; seem to have taken up their Abode among us, in a great Body, they came last week to Ashewelot killed 10 or 11 Cattle & carried them almost all off. and there seems to be no safety for us to move any where.

When I went to Boston I Left my son at Northfield, but at my return found him to have been sick, and still remaining very weak, I sent him down to Hartford to procure provisions for No 4 but know not whether he will be able to Effect it.

The Day before Yesterday by the aid of a few Soldiers I arrived safe at Fort Dummer.

And Yesterday some Soldiers that belonged to Ashewelot & some of Capt Hobbs men, and some of Capt Stevens men, & some belonging to Fort Dummer were coming up to Fort Dummer to the No of 19. and thô they kept out their advanced guard on each side of the path were way laid & shot upon by a very Superiour Number of the Enemy, which Obliged them to flee to the Bank of the River for shelter, but were pursued and overcome by the Enemy after a short skirmish, two of the men are got into Fort Dummer, one is well; the other wounded in two places, but I hope not mortal; what is become of the rest we can't tell & are unable to go & see, and the case is exceeding Difficult at Northfield as well as here for upon the usual Alarm there came but three men last night to see what was done; The Soldiers at Fort Dummer are so many

sick that not one half are able to do their duty, and the case is the same at Northfield both with Inhabitants & Soldiers that they could not come; they have in times past at Northfield being very free and ready upon Alarm to come for our help but are now quite beat out insomuch that I fear that we shall not have help to go and see what is done & bury the Dead.

We sent down to Hatfield & Hadley after Capt Hobbs had his fight for assistance to go & bury the dead but could have no return or Answer.

As for No 4, I must Inform your Excellency that it is by this time scant of Provisions & must unavoidably break up if some other person or persons cannot by the Government be procured to Provide for it.

For under our Circumstances with so little help as is here I cannot possibly do it, for we can move no where with so few men as we now have and let the case be almost what it will we can expect none from below. It seems exceeding hard that the Enemy in such great numbers must dwell among us and our Neighbours not willing to Allow us any help & to drive them off, thô from time to time informed of it.

I Humbly pray your Excellency to Consider & pity our miserable & distressed circumstances and do for us as in your great wisdom you shall think best. I Subscribe Your Excellencys most humble & most Obedient Servant to Command.

JOSIAH WILLARD.

[Indorsed] Colo Josa Willards' Letter to Govr Shirley Copy.

JONATHAN LAW TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

MILFORD July 27 1748

Sr

I had a Request much like this from Govr Shirley dated 3d of June to lay before the Assembly but it came too late the Case is difficult wth Frontiers. I think the Assembly have not delegated the doing such a thing as is askd for

to any Com^tee^ the Kings Proclamation sent to west Indies forbids all Hostilities against the french after ye 19th Instant.

It seems to me the Motion was sudden. doubtless the proceedings of ye enemy were very surprizing, the want of provisions and Sickness distressing and epidemical Diseases cant be guarded against and he that sends it among us can cause it to alight on our Enemies. No Circumstance seems to encourage such an Undertaking as Scouring the Woods at this time, people must stand on y^r^ Guard as well as they can and hope god will find out a way for our Deliverance

My Indisposition must excuse for writing so briefly Yesterday I think it was impracticable for me to have done so much as now

I am Your Hon^rs^ humble Servant

JON^TH^ LAW

My Service to the Gentlemen of ye Com^tee^

ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to D G Wolcott July 27 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO ANDREW BURR.

To Coll Andrew Burr one of the Commissaries for ye Intended Expedition Against Canada;

By the Advice of ye Com^tee^ of Warr, You are hereby directed and ordered to make Sale of ye Remaining Stores in your hands to ye best advantage of ye Government and pay ye money for them unto ye Treasurer, taking his Receipt for ye same and lodge it in ye hands of ye Secretary,

Given under my hand att Milford this 1st day of August 1748

JON^TH^ LAW Gov^R^

The same orders given to Coll^o^ Hezekiah Huntington, Coll^l^ Gurdon Saltonstall, Coll^l^ Thomas Wells, Coll^l^ Jabez Hamlin & Capt John Fowler

[Indorsed] A Copy of Orders sent to the Com^ies^ August 1st 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

MILFORD August 2d 1748

Gentlemen

Lieut Lacy Comander of ye men you orderd out of Coll[l] Burrs Regiment informs me That ye Massachusetts not allowing subsistance for so many men and Towns where they are stationd not being able to do it, represents to me That of necessity they must draw off unless this Govt will subsist them, ye more ℙticular Circumstances he will lay before you, moving to me by the Direction of his Coll[l] to which I can only say, the Care of our Frontiers is left with you and not with me and I can only advise you That if you learn Danger in that Quarter dos still continue notwithstanding a Cessation of Armes comanded by his Majty and no Direction to you by our Assembly for subsisting our men out of the Govt yet if it appear needfull to guard the people in that part of our Govt by reason of our neighbours drawing off from their Settlements, you can place them in our ffrontiers and subsist them.

And I hope in a little time these Wolves will be calld in. twould be hard indeed if our hands must be tyed by ye Proclamation and our Enemies let loose upon us. he supposes no danger of our Neighbours drawing off at present, being well seated not with standing any representations having been made to the contrary. hoping you will be directed into ye most prudent Measures

I Subscribe Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr and ye rest of the Comtee

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to D Govr Wolcott & Comtee August 2 1748

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON Augt 4. 1748

Hond Sir

I am favour'd with your Commands of the 1st Inst respecting the Canada Stores, & shall obey them carefully.

Capt Burnham ariv'd last night, & this day pursuant to Your Orders, has discharg'd many of his hands that live remote, & is with the residue unriging the Sloop Defence & securing her Stores, which when compleated he'l then discharge them all.

At the direction of Capt Burnham & Comp^{y} Captors of the Snow Lheureux Retour, I send Your Hon^{r} (by Capt Cogswell) two Loaves of Loaf Sugar, which they ask the favour, You would accept as a token of their Gratitude.

I aprehend your Hon^{r} will be not a little surpris'd at the new Turn of Affairs at London, *Viz^{t} Impresing Seamen dettors.* what the Consequence will be I han't penetration to know. I wish there may not be a fresh Occasion for the Sloop Defence being put to sea. I am

with the highest Esteem Y^{r} Hon^{rs}

Most Obed^{t} Hum^{e} Servt

G. SALTONSTALL

To Govr LAW Esqr

P. S. This afternoon the Proclamation for a Cessation of Arms was Publishd

[Superscribed] To The Honble JON^{A} LAW Esqr Governour att Milford ℘ Capt Cogswell

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Saltonstalls Augst 4 1748 rec^{d} 8th

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 6th Augst 1748

Sir

The foregoing* is a Coppy of my last to your Honour since which the Agents for the several Provinces interested in the Money Granted by Parliam^{t} for Reimbursing their Expences in taking & Garrisoning Cape Breton have attended the Lords Commiss^{rs} of the Treasury upon that Affair, & at their Lordships Summons to give their Opinions in regard to the manner of paying it. Their Lordships being of Opinion (As I before observ'd to your Hon^{r}) That it

*Dated July 23 1748

ought to be applyd to the sinking the Bills of Credit as far as it will go, & whether that will best be done by remitting it in Specie Coin'd on purpose wth an Alloy to prevent its being sent out of the Country again, Or by bills of Exchange seems to be a Question wth them There arises also a Difficulty in regard to the rate of Exchange at wch the Bills should be redeem'd, whether at their present Depreciated value (wch will make the Sterling money go so much the farther) or at any lower Rate, But as Wee are not as Agents Authoriz'd to propose any Scheme for this purpose their Lordships have it still under Consideration what method to take, And as I Doubt not Wee shall be heard Again before any Resolution is taken. I shall take the first Opportunity to advise yor Honour thereof & In the meantime remain

Yor Honrs & the Colony's
most Faithfull humle servt
ELIAKM PALMER

P S I have not yet had any Answer to my Demand in behalf of the Troops raisd for the Canada Expedition further than that my Accotts are referrd to the paymaster Genll & Secretary at Warr who are Directed to make a Report upon them.

I hope I shall soon have the Colonys Directions for the Disposal of the money due to them on Accott of the taking Cape Breton in Case it should be paid to me without any Restrictions as to the Application of it, in wch I own I think they ought not to be Contrould.

[Indorsed by Law] Agents 23 July & 6th of August recd Octobr 8 1748

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL 9th August 1748.

Gentlemen,

In my Letter of the 28th of June last, I acquainted you with the King of Spain and the Republick of Genoa's Accession to the Preliminary Articles signed at Aix la Chapelle

the 19th of April O S. 1748. for restoring a General Peace, I am now to inform you, that their Excies the Lords Justices have since ordered a Proclamation to be published, a Copy of which is inclosed, declaring a Cessation of Hostilities against His Catholick Majesty, & the Republick of Genoa, & their Subjects, as well by Sea as Land, which Proclamation you are to cause to be published in all the proper Places under your Government, to the End that all His Majestys Subjects there, may pay due Obedience, & strictly conform themselves thereto.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

BEDFORD

Govr & Co of Connecticut.

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

London 26 Augst 1748

Sir

Not having been favour'd wth any from yor Honour since the foregoing Coppy* I have not much to add thereto no Resolution being yet taken in regard to the time & manner of paying the money Granted for reimbursing the Charges of taking Cape Breton wch is partly owing to another Adjournment of the Treasury & partly to the Indisposition of Mr Pelham the Head of it; As soon as any thing is done the Colony shall be timely advis'd of it.

I shall have a Watchfull Eye over Mr Mason who has taken no other Steps in the Mohegan Affair than reviving an Application formerly made to the Ministry to supply him wth more money to enable him to prosecute it in wch there does not yet appear any probabilty of his Succeeding.

My Accotts of Pay due to Coll Williams's Regiment are still before the Paymaster & Secretary at Warr one of wch being out of Town no Report is yet prepard to be laid before

*Dated Aug. 6, 1748.

Treasury when they meet

I am Yo^r Honours & the Colonys

Faithfull hum^le serv^t

ELIAK^M PALMER

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticut ℘ Capt Armstrong

[Indorsed] Agent Palmers of 26 of Aug^st rec^d Nov^br 4th 1748 Bryan 7–6

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM PITKIN.

MILFORD Sep^br 7th 1748

Gentlemen

I have this day Receiv'd a Letter from Mr Palmer a Copy of which I herewith Inclose You as also the Several Commissaries Accounts and only observe to you; as the Transmitting the accounts of the Canada Expedition to our agent is of Great Consequence to this Colony, and Absolutely necessary that they Should be laid before the next Parliament, which Mr Palmer presumes will be In Novemb^r next; therefore let no time be lost in preparing them, that they may be Transmitted Him and that you Take all possible means to inform Your Selves of opportunities for that purpose

Whatever I have heretofore thought of the articles that have been Sold by the Several Commissaries, being placed to the Accounts by way of Credith, am now fully persuaded that it is not best to make any mention of them, Mr Palmer being Silent about the matter, I look upon it, but an Inconsiderable thing; for if we Recieve pay for the whole of our Disbursments, it will not make amends for the Real Damage we have Sustain'd You will Consider my Indisposition & therefore take the whole Care of the Matter on Your Selves, You'l Remember the Billeting money and am Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

JON^TH LAW

To W^M PITKIN Esqr &c

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Maj^r Pitkin &c Sep^tr 7th 1748

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

I have to Acquaint Yo^{r} Honour that since I wrote you last (a Coppy of which has already been forwarded) The Lords of the Treasury have intimated to the Agents of the Several Colonys that Assisted in the Reduction of Cape Breton &c That they were ready to pay them one third part of the Money Granted by Parliament for Reimbursing the Expences they were at in that Expedition Upon their (the Agents) giving security in the Exchequer to account for the Application of it. But as Wee think the Colonys right to the Money so absolute as that they are not liable to any such Restrictions Wee Demand thereto in hopes their Lordships (who then took the matter into further Consideration) would Dispense wth that Condition

In this Interim a Petition was presented to their Lordships Sign'd by the Principal Merch^{ts} in this City that Trade to New England as well as most of the Gentlemen of N Engl^{d} that are here, requesting their Lordships not to advance to the Colonys any part of the money but upon Condition of their Sinking all the Bills of Credit Circulating among them And proposing at the same time that some Coin of Silver should be substituted in lieu thereof. Wee are waiting their Lordships Determination upon these Representations wch as soon as they can be known Yo^{r} Honour shall be acquainted therewith In the meantime I Subscribe

Yo^{r} Honours & the Colonys

Faithf^{ll} Hum^{le} Servt

ELIAK^{M} PALMER

P S The paymaster & Secr^{try} at Warr not having made their Report upon the Acco^{tts} of Coll: Williams Regim^{t} I can say nothing New on that head

London 27th Septr 1748

To the Honble Jon^{A} Law

[Indorsed] Agent Palmer's 27th of Sept^{br} 1748 rec^{d} Nov^{br} 25

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 15 Octr 1748

The Honble Jona Law Esqr
Sr

Not having been favour'd with any from your Honour since the foregoing Copy of my last* I have only to add thereto that in Pursuance of the Offers made by the Lords of the Treasury to the Agents of the several Colonies Assisting in the Reduction of Cape Breton &c I have Signify'd to their Lordships that I was ready to give Security for one third of the Money Voted the Colony of Connecticut on that Account as will Appear to your Honr by my Petition to their Lordships a Copy of which you'll receive herewith upon which their Lordships Directed me to leave a Copy of my Power with them in order to have the Opinion of the Attorney & Solliciter General whither any other Act of the Colony was Necessary previous to the Money being paid. Their Lordships being in Doubt whether by the Words of Act of Parliamt they are otherwise Warranted in doing it. But whether this be the real Cause of the Delay or that it arises from the regard they pay to the Merchants Petition or they have any other Reasons for Postponing the Paymt I own I am not able to say, but shall give the Colony timely Notice of what further Steps are taken in the Affair.

Your Honour may Possibly be Surpris'd that the Money due on Accot of Colo Williams Regimt is so long unpaid, when so many Bills drawn by the several Governrs on the like Occasion have been Discharg'd to which I Answer that had your Honr taken the same Steps your Drafts might have been Answer'd thô not without your being Personally Accountable for all sums so paid, which I presume would have been reason Enough for your Not doing it. The said Accots are still before the Paymaster Genl & Secretary at War, & were to have been reported upon in Course before now in pursuance of a Reference to them

* Dated Sept. 27, 1748, and written on same sheet with this.

from the Treasury, but that a stop is put to it by a Letter since come to hand from Mr Shirley to the Secretary of State, intimating his intentions to send the Accots of all the Colonies, which when I wrote your Honr last was not thought Necessary. We must now wait the Consequence of it, in the mean time I remain

Yor Honrs & the Colony's
most Faithfl HumE Servt
ELIAKM PALMER

[Indorsed] Agents Octobr 15 recd Janr 6th 1748 9

ACTION OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT.

The Committee Appointed to consider that part of his Excellencys Speech which Relates to the money Granted by Parliament for Reimbursing the Expense of taking and keeping Cape Breton having Attended that Service Report as their Opinion

That Messengers be forthwith dispatch'd to the Governments of Connecticut New Hampshire and Rhode Island again desiring them to Appoint Commissioners to Meet the last Wednesday of this month at Boston or as soon after as may be to Treat with Commissioners from this Court upon the best method of Applying the money Granted by Parliament to the Redemption of the Bills of Credit and upon ways and means effectually to Regulate the Currencys of these Governments for the future And that a proper Letter be prepared to be sent home by the first Ships Signifying the Courts continuing in their Resolution to Apply the Grant of Parliament to the Redemption of the Bills so far as it shall be Sufficient for that purpose and to Sink the Remainder of the Bills at the same time in the manner proposed by the Bill sent from this Court or in such other effectual way as shall be Agreed on

In the name of the Comtee J Osborne

In Council Novemr 2d 1748 Read & Sent down

In the House of Representatives Novemr 2d 1748 Read & Accepted and the Committee are directed to prepare a

Letter Accordingly Sent up for Concurrence
T HUTCHINSON Spk^r
In Council Novr 3^d 1748 Read & Concurr'd
J WILLARD Secry
Consented to W SHIRLEY
Copy Examined ℔ J WILLARD Secry
[Indorsed by Law] Com^tees Report att Boston

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Novr 4. 1748

Sir,

I am directed by the General Court of this Province, to send your Honour a Copy of the Report of a Committee of both Houses Accepted by the whole Court proposing to have a Meeting of Commissioners from the General Assemblies of the several Colonies in New England to agree upon such Measures as may be most proper, in respect to the Money allowed by the Parliament of Great Britain, to these Colonies in New England, to reimburse them, as to their Charges in the Reduction of Cape Breton; I have also inclosed a Copy of the Bill therein refer'd to, which was projected by Our Assembly the last Winter, before we were at any Certainty about the Payment of the said Money; & therefore must be altered (at least in the Preamble) if it should ever pass into an Act, It is prayed that your Honour would be pleased to lay this Affair before your Assembly, as soon as possible, & let this Government know as early as you can, the Result of your Assembly; that if they should Judge it necessary to set the Meeting at some further day, we may have Opportunity to give seasonable Notice of it to the other Governments. This Government made application to your Honour the last Spring for a Meeting of Commissioners in the same Affair, but had no Answer thereto. It is thought the more necessary that this Affair should be expedited, lest by reason of our Delay, the Parliament of Great Britain should at their next Session take such

Measures, as may prove very inconvenient to these Colonies.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

J WILLARD

The Time of Meeting is the last Wednesday of this Month; Not having time now I will send your the Copies refer'd to by the next Post J W

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir,

In Consideration of the great Charge & Burthen lying upon this Government in the Defence of their Frontiers, And at the Desire of the Council & House of Represent^ves I must request of your Honour to give immediate Orders that fifty good Soldiers may be raised out of your militia, I sent into the County of Hampshire to be posted at Deerfield & Northfield for the Defence of those Places. I remain Sir

Your Honors very humble Servt

W SHIRLEY.

BOSTON Novem^r 4. 1748

To the Hon^ll JON^A LAWS Esqr

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys Nov^br 4 rec^d ye 11th 1748

LEWIS MORRIS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hon^d Sir

I am Sorry of this Occasion of writing to your Honour, which is to acquaint you, That Notwithstanding my Decree long since given in the Case of the French Snow Le Hereure Retour, & Lading, Cap^n Burnham or his Agents still keep the Lading in their Posession & refuse to Deliver it. I therefore now send up a Writt of Execution to the Marshall, And Hope your Honour will protect him in the Discharge

of his Duty, & order him proper Assistance if necessary. And should He meet with any Oposition. The Opposers, & all the Persons Concern'd in the proceedings at New London, before Elihu Hall as my Deputy after a Super Sedeas, & He duly Served therewith, May probably be oblig'd to answer for their Behaviour. And Should there be a Necessity for a Representation of the whole Affair to be sent Home, The Consequence may be worse than is at present imagined.

But I Hope these Gentlemen will prevent any thing of that Kind by suffering the Officer to do his Duty And I doubt not but your Honour will Endeavour to prevent the Necessity of further proceedings in this Affair

I am Your Honours
Most Obedient &
Most Hum Servt
LEWIS MORRIS

New York 12th Novr 1748

[Indorsed by Law] Judge Morris's of 12th of Novbr recd 22d 1748 at night

JONATHAN LAW TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAR.

Milford Novbr 14th 1748

Gentlemen

I have recd an earnest Request from Govr Shirley for sending forthwith fifty good Souldiers to Dearfield and Northfield but gives me no other Reason than their having been at great Charge in Defence of their Frontiers. And I recomend it to your Consideration (who are near and have frequent Intelligence from thence) whether it be needfull for us to be at that Charge at this time.

I have also from Mr Secry Willard a Copy of the Bill intended for an Act for putting a Period to the paper Currency by borrowing Silver formd last Winter and sent to me in the Spring with a Request for calling an Assembly to appoint Comrs as was before moved for. which Scheem I laid before the Assembly in May, and did not perceave any

Disposition to enter into it. and it seemd to me then and ever since, to be unnecessary and dangerous for us and since our Agent informs that the time and mañer of the Reimbursement is referrd to the L^ds^ of the Treasury and that they had two Meetings upon it and adjournd again Mr Pelham the head of it being indisposd, intimating they were come near to a Resolution and that on ye 26th of August. It seems to me a fruitless (to put no harsher term on it) Undertaking for us to determine how and when we would have this money given us. so that unless you can advise me better I shall spare the Charge of an Assembly

And remain your humble Servant
still under much Weakness
JON^TH^ LAW

the hon^ble^ ROGER WOLCOTT Esqr and the rest of the hon^ble^ Com^te^ of Warr

P S. The Assembly have orderd the money into the Bank if paid without Restriction

J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to the Com^tee^ Warr att Hartford Nov^br^ 14th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Nov^br^ 14th 1748

S^r^

On your Request for sending fifty Souldiers for the Protection of Dearfield and Northfield, I have sent to D Govr Wolcott and the rest of the Com^tee^ of Warr att Hartford to whom the Protection of the Frontiers is comitted That in Case they (who are near and have frequent advices from those parts) think it needful would send the men thither.

I Remain
Your Excellencies
most humble obedient Servant
JON^TH^ LAW

Govr SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley Nov^br^ 14th 1748.

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD Nov^br 14 1748

S^r

I send to you herewith a Duplicate of that which was sent home the last Septemb^r The Comissaries are all sworn, something remains for Mr Treasurer to make his Affidavit to. You will add a Copy of the Act directing our Agent to putt our Reimbursement into the Bank, as you may see I have signifyd to him in Case our money should be paid without Restriction

Please to Seal and direct my Letter, putt up, Seal and direct the Paquett. Somebody (I believe) Coll^l Trumbal will take Care that it be speedily sent Home

You will send me Copies of any Acts of Assembly that are putt under my ℘ticular Care as I before desird you as also Comissions for our new Military Officers by the Bearer hereof

JON^TH LAW

Mr Secry WYLLYS Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of A Letter To Secretary Willys Nov^br 14th 1748

JONATHAN LAW TO JOSIAH WILLARD.

MILFORD Nov^br 14 1748

S^r

I think it must be thrô forgetfullness or Inadvertency That you say the Assembly had no Answer to an Application made to me for a meeting of Com^rs on the like Occasion In Evidence where of I inclose to you a Copy of my Letter to Govr Shirley of the 19th of March last and an Extract of a Letter of June the 4th

And I must add farther That by divers Letters from our Agent E Palmer Esqr I am in[ ]ed That the Parliament have referrd the time & manner of payment of ye money for a Reimbursement of our Cape Breton Expences to the L^ds of the Treasury who mett upon it and adjournd and on the 26th of August they had made anoth[ ] Ad-

journment by Reason of their not coming to a Resolution and Mr Pelham's Indisposition, which Resolution is doubtless come into long ere this time. It seems to me to no purpose for us to whom the matter is not left, to prescribe in that Affair

And for us who are in Debt, to increase it, by unprofitable Expences dos not appear to me to be consistant with prudence, althô some say this Govt looses 60000ll a year in the Senkage of the money for want of having our proportion out yet the pleasure* of being so much less in Debt is more desirable than the profetts of the Senkage. And our Assembly have directed our Agent That if the Reembursement be paid without Restriction That he putt the money into the Bank. Wherefore I cant without further Advice (which I am seeking after) think it proper to call an Assembly

am Sr Your most obedient
Humble Servant
JONTH LAW

To J. Willard Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter To Secretary Willard Novbr 14th 1748.

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER.

Milford Novbr 14th 1748

Sr

I herewith send you a Duplicate of that wch was sent on the 22d of September last

Since which I have recd yours of the 6th & also of ye 26th of Augst which I comunicated to our Assembly and they have directed That upon your rect of yr money without Restriction, you putt it into the Bank but not having recd a Copy of the Act I shall direct Mr Secry to inclose herewith a Copy of it

*The three preceding words appear to have been substituted for the words "but the burthen."

I have just rec^{d} from Mr Secry Willard a Bill for an Act of the Assembly att Boston reviving the Bill they formd the last Winter for putting a Period to the paper Currency by borrowing what money should be wanting (when the Reimbursement should be made) on Interest for 12 years of some Gentlemen in great Brittain and giving it in Exchange for ye Bills, desiring me to call an Assembly to appoint Com^{rs} to meet Com^{rs} from all the Gov^{ts} in N England, least the next Parliament should order that matter to our Disadvantage complaing they had mov'd for it the last Spring to which they had no Answer.

But I im̄ediately wrote to Govr Shirley, (wh^{ch} was in April) that since our usual Sessions in the beginning of May was so near, it was not advisable to increase our Expences by calling an Assembly and that as to the method projected I doubted not of our Ability to call in all our outstanding Bills when we should be assisted by a Reimbursement and that on much easier Terms than by recovering the Silver borrowed and the Interest upon it when it should be dispersd and the hazard we must run in its coming and returnng and after our Assembles rising I signifyd to him That I had laid their Scheem before our Assembly, but having a rumour that they had rejected it and hearing nothing further from him, nothing was done about it.

And now since you inform me that the time and man̄er of payment is left with the L^{ds} of the Treasury and they have had two Meetings upon it and Adjournd, That a Decision here, will be of no significancy till Beggars may be Choosers I cant yet see it needfull to add to our Expences the Charge of calling an Assembly

The Orders of his Grace the D of Bedford for publishing the Proclamations for a Cessation of Arms with France and with Spain and Genoa have been duely attended

A Com^{tee} are appointed to make answer to the Queries made by y^{r} Lordshipps of the Board of Trade, but they say they cant accomplish it before next May.

Such a Premium as will bear proportion to the Premium for raising Indico according to the Different Value of Silk

and Indico in England I would hope would be an Inducement to our people to furnish themselves with Mulberry Trees and other conveniences for that Service. but I have not yet learnd the Value of either in England

am Sr

Your most Obedient humble Servant

JONTH LAW

To Eliakim Palmer Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of A Letter to Eliakim Palmer Esqr Novbr 14th 1748.

GEORGE WYLLYS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford Novr 18th 1748

Sr

The Pacquet by Mr Baldwin, came safe to my Hand, shall observe the Directions concerning it, and endeavour speedily to have the Accotts perfected and transmitted to Colo Trumble for Conveyance to Boston &c. I see no Act of the last Assembly, wherewith the Govr is especially concerned, but the enclosed;* the Bearer has the Comissions for Military Officers at Milford. I have Occasion to write a short Letter to Mr Palmer relating to a particular Affair of my own, and hope to obtain your Honrs Pardon if it should go enclosed in the Pacquet

I am Your Honour's

most Obedient Humble Servt

GEORGE WYLLYS

[Superscribed] To the Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Governor of the Colony of Connecticut att Milford ℞r Mr Baldwin

[Indorsed] Secry Wyllis's Novbr 18 1748

*The Act which was inclosed desired the Governor to write to Eliakim Palmer directing him, in case the money for the expenses of the Cape Breton expedition was paid to him without restriction, to place it in bank in England where it would draw interest; whence the Colony would draw it out with all possible speed to draw in and discharge their bills of credit.

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

The above* I Receivd ye Last night by one Rogers who Says he is Sworn a D marshall by whome I was Solicited to add to his authority but I told him I Did not See any thing I was Desird to do by Mr Morris there being no necessity appearing at Present, he Said Judge Morris' Commission Gave him Power to Command the aid and assistance of all ye Justices &c: in ye Colony. I Told him then he would Lay his Commands on them, I was not apprehensive it was within my Province I Should be very Ready to Do any thing which Should appear to me to be my Duty herein.

Rogers Shewed me an Execution Desird I would Sign it but I Did not think it proper for me to Sign an Execution wherein I was not Concernd in ye Judgment

You will be advisd what is proper to be Done in ye Case

In great haste (the Post waiting) I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

Mr Miller

Milford Novbr ye 23. 1748

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Miller Novbr 23 upon rect of one from Judge Morris 1748

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

London 1 Decr 1748

Sir

Since I wrote Your Honr last (Coppy of wch has already been forwarded) I have receivd from Messrs Pitkin & Trumble an Accont of ye Colony's Disbursments in Garrizoning the City & Fortress of Cape Breton also a Further Accott of Espences Incurr'd in the Intended Espedition agst Canada of both which I shall make a proper use as occasion may require

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*See under Nov. 12, 1748.

I have in a former Letter acquaint^{d} Your Honour that the Lords of the Treasury had refer'd the Power sent me for receiving the money Granted to the Colony by Parliam^{t} for reimbursing the Espences they had been at on Acco^{tt} of Cape Breton to the Attorney and Solicitor Generall for their Opinion in regard to the Sufficiency of it, And you have herewith a Coppy of their report upon the said Reference by which it will appear to Your Honour that a Power of Attorney under the Common Seal of the Colony is looked upon as necessary for my receiving the said Money in Case the Affair was attended wth no other Difficulty. And as it seems very probable that the Merchants Petition against the payment of it but under Certain restrictions may have some Weight wth their Lordships I should recommend it as a means of removing all Cloggs to this Affair that the Colony should come to some resolution implying an Intention to apply this money towards sinking the Paper Currancy that is now Circulating among you, if such a Measure should be Deem'd Consistent wth the Interest of the Colony.

The Affair of the Canada Troops remains in the same Scituation it was in when I wrote you last for want of Govr Shirleys Acco^{tts} wch are made more necessary by his having (as Im informd) in some of his Letters lately come to hand set the Colony of Connecticut in a Disadvantagious Light in regard to that Affair If It's in my power to render such Representations Ineffectual it will give me great pleasure who Am

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} & the Colonys
most Faithfull hum^{b} Servt
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

P S You will receive herewth Coppys of the Merch^{ts} Petition above mentioned & also a power of Attorney transmitted to the Agent for Rhode Island & referr'd to in the Attorney & Solicitor Generall's Report.

To the Hon^{le} Jon^{A} Law Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

[Indorsed] Agent Palmers Dec^{br} 1 1748 rec'd April 6th 1749

M — Nov^{br} 14 N H went Jan^{r} 10th M came Home 20th N H went March 18th M came Home April 5th N H went

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITOR GENERAL.

To the Right Honourable ye Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In pursuance of your Lordships desire Signified to Us by Mr West in his letter of the 21 Octob^r^ last Representing that your Lordships having had under Consideration the payments of the several Sums granted by Parliam^t^ last Session to reimburse the Several Provinces & Colonies in North America the Expences they have been at in taking & securing Cape Breton to which payment y^r^ Lorships were very desirous of giving all proper dispatch and that the agents for the said colonies on ye one hand having applied for the immediate payment of the said sums & produced Copys of ye powers under wch they Claim the same, & the Merch^ts^ trading to New England having on ye other hand offered Reasons in a Memorial against such payment and that y^r^ Lordships not being well satisfied that what the Agents call their Powers are sufficient Authoritys on which such large sums may legally be issued as well by reason of the dates of some of them being Antecedent to the grants As because they do not appear to be derived from legal acts of Gener^l^ assemblys Your Lordships were pleas'd to transmit ye said several memorials & powers to Us to take ye same into consideration together with ye Votes of the House of Commons & Clause of Appropriation & to desire our Opinion wether these Powers are such as to oblige or will in law sufficiently justify your Lordships to Assure the sums without Account, to ye Agents respectively; Espesially as the Agent of ye Principal Province has refused to give security for Answering the trust in him reposed & Accounting in the Exchequer for ye same.

We have taking ye said Several papers into Consideration (all which are herewith returnd to your Lordships) & have been attended by the respective Agents & by some of the petitioners in the Petition of ye New England March^ts^ whom we thought it proper to give Notice of this Reference.

As to the Powers to Mr Bollan from the Massachts Bay & to Mr Palmer from Connecticute they are only Votes of assembly; But as they have no letter of Attorney under the seal of ye Provinces who are Corporate Bodys by Charter from the Crown & cannot regularly mak Attorneys but under their Common Seal, We are of Opinion that those Gentlemen are not properly Authorized for that purpose. And tho' general Agents have been some times made by Votes of assembly & such Agents have Acted on the foot of such Authoritys which have been Acquiesc't in Yet in a matter relating to ye Revenue & ye Issuing of large Sums of Publick money given by Act of Parliament out of his Majestys Treasury, we conceive nothing should be done but according to ye strict Rules of Law. Nor do we think that ye giving security, if offered for due accounting for the money would be a sufficient ground to dispence wth those Rules in the present Case.

With respect to Mr Partrige's Power from Rhod Island; As he Produced to Us an Authority under ye seal of ye Province (a Copy of which was sent to Us from your LdShips) we are of Opinion Your Ld Ships may be well Justified in paying him ye sum Appropriated by ye said act to Rhode Island upon his giving a proper Receipt and leaving wth your Ld ships his said Power.

However as the Merchants of New England have by their Petition Represented the inconveniences arising from the paper Credit given in that Province as well as in the Massachts Bay & desired the paymt of these sums might wait, till it be seen, what steps wou'd be taken there to Redress that Grievance, Mr Partrige acquainted Us that he was willing the money Appropriated to Rhode Island might be pli'd in the Bank till further Instructions from his Province.

As to New Hamshire, it appearing from an Extract of Captain Tomlinsons letter to Mr West, which he likewise Confirm'd to Us that he cannot produce at present either ye Original or a Copy of his Power & representing such power as he has to be only a general power of Agency not adapted to this perticular purpose, We are of Opinion Yr Lordships

cannot be justified in issuing to him the money giv^{n} to y^{t} Province tho from his Character & ye General sence of ye Merchants We done conceive any doubt of his being their General Agent

All which is humbly Submitted
to your Lord Ships great judgment
D: RYDER
W: MURRY*
23 Novr 1748

[Indorsed] Report of the Attorney & Solicitor General upon a Reference from ye Lords of the Treasury

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD Dec^{br} 6 1748

Sr

Yours of the 28th of Nov^{br} last I rec^{d}.

On the 14th of Nov^{br} I wrote to Mr Secry Willard in answer to what Your Excellency refers, And it not being agreeable to my Judgment to call an Assembly on that Occasion nor with the Sentiments of any of the Gentlemen near me I sent to the D Govr and Gentlemen of the Council above for their Advice in that Affair in Case they thôt it advisable but have rec^{d} Nothing from them.

Since which I have rec^{d} Advice from our Agent on the 27th of August That the L^{d}s of the Treasury had intimated to the several Agents That they would order one third part of the money on Condition of their giving Bond into the Exchequer for the Application of it. to which they demurrd; the grant being absolute at which Interim a

*Sir Dudley Ryder, 1691-1756, was Attorney-General 1737-54, when he became Lord Chief Justice of the King's bench and Privy Councillor.

William Murray, 1705-93, at this time Solicitor-general, and Attorney-General 1754-6, then became Lord Chief Justice and Earl of Mansfield. He was probably the greatest English judge in history: among his titles to fame are the permanent abolition of slavery in England, and the conversion of mercantile law from a chaos of unrelated items to a virtual code. Still better known, though his authorship of them is usually not, are his advice to a young lawyer, "When you have no case, abuse the plaintiff's attorney"; and to a colonial governor not a lawyer, never to give any reasons for his decisions, because the decisions as common-sense would probably be right, while the reasons would probably be illogical and discredit the decisions.

Petition was preferrd by some Merch^{ts} in London and N England Gentlemen That nothing should be paid without the calling in of all our paper Currency which their L^{d}shipps took into Consideration. whereby I am further confirmd That for us to be at further Expence here will be fruitles; and our Assembly did in October Resolve That the money if paid without Restriction should be improvd for calling in and discharging our Bills so farr as it will go, of which I have given Esqr Palmer Notice, which is the needfull at present from

Your Excellencies
obedient humble Servant
J L

Govr Shirley

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley Dec^{ber} 6 1748

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. Lond^{N} Decr 6th 1748

S^{r}

The fav^{r} of yor Hon^{rs} Letter, & Copy, of ye 23^{d} of Novr Ult. I should have acknwledg'd E'r Now, but that I was at Norwich Court, and had not op^{ty} for it 'till now

I took the Liberty to Shew yor Hon^{rs} Lett^{r} to ye members of ye Court & the most Judicious of ye Attorneys present, and took advice that We might be provided against Every Event, but Little tho't Morris his D. Marsh^{ll} wou'd be here so soon the Next Day after I had the advice from yor Hon^{r} While at Norwich & Co^{ll} Saltonstall, the Agent to ye Company of ye Defence out of Town Came young Rogers, & by a wile, He & a Company in Eastons Interest got into ye Co^{lls} Warehouse w[ ] the French Goods Were, soon after this, Even before they had time to Remove any of ye Goods Mr Saltonst^{ll} Came Home, turnd the Company out & Secur'd ye Store, and all with Little or no Resistance & no breach of Peace; Where ye young Chap now is I know not, We have had no Noise ab^{t} the Matter since.

We have pursu^{t} to order of Assembly Sold ye Coloney Sloop Mr Jabez Huntington of Norwich bid Her off at £4860 pounds if I remember right, payable to ye Govr & Co in one year wthout Interest.

I have to add but y^{t} I begg yor Hon^{rs} advice in Evry Contingency Relating to y^{e} ℳmises, & in Every thing Relating to ye Good of ye Coloney wherein I Can Cast in my mite

& am your Hon^{rs} most obliged

Hum^{le} Servt

JER. MILLER

To Govr Law

[Indorsed] Mr Millers Dec^{br} 6 1748

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. Lond^{N} Decr ye 12, 1748

S^{r}

Since ye Colony Sloop Defence his bin Sold to Mr Jabez Huntington of Norwich, & ye Bill of Sail Executed & proper Security taken to the Govr & Company for payment agreeable to the Ten^{r} of ye Act of Assembly in ye Case, He has apply'd to me for a Register; I Don't know that She Ever had a Register, if She had I can't find it; the Sloop is Intended to Sea very Soon, He beggs yor Hon^{r} to Send by ye Return a Register De Novo, ye former if any Were, being Lost, yor Hon^{r} knows When & Where built and that Her Burth^{n} is ab^{t} 90 Tons

If yor Hon^{r} charges fees, (thô Mr Hunt^{n} Left none In my Hands) I shall transmit It p^{r} ye Post

I am yor Hon^{rs}

Most Hum^{le} Servt

JER. MILLER

To Govr Law

[Superscribed] To the Honble Jonath^{N} Law Esqr Govern^{r} &c a Milford per Jer. Miller

[Indorsed] Mr Millers Dec^{br} 12 1748

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETS BAY.

BOSTON January 28. 1748.

Sir,

You will have herewith a Copy of an Act lately passed by this Court for drawing in our Bills of Credit, & ascertaining the Rate of Coined Silver. As these Matters affected your Government, We seasonably signified to you our Desire that you would join with Us in concerting Measures to effect them & extend their Operations throughout the several Governments of New England; But failing of your Assistance We could not let slip so favourable an Opportunity of doing them within our own Province: Nor could We In pursuing this Design, avoid prohibiting the Currency of the Bills of your Government among us, at the same time that we agreed to sink our own; Pass'd Experience having convinced us that it is impracticable to keep a Silver Currency among us while a Paper Currency is continued.

It was with great Reluctance that we agreed to any Paragraphs in this Act which affected the Bills of the other Governments, especially those of Connecticut, of whose good Disposition We are so well apprized, as to make no Doubt of your contributing your utmost Efforts towards the Establishment of a Silver Currency at this favourable Juncture at the same Rates we have done, & in such manner as shall be most agreable to your own Circumstances: And we declare ourselves ready to do every thing reasonable on our Part to cultivate a good Agreement with our Neighbours in pursuing the general Design, which is of so much Importance to the Inhabitants of each Governmt.

In the Name & by Order of the Great & General Court or Assembly

JOSIAH WILLARD SECRETARY

To the Honble JONATHAN LAWS Esqr Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, To be communicated to the General Assembly of the said Colony.

[Indorsed] Secry Willards of Jan^r 28th rec^d feb^r 8th 1748–9

SAMUEL WELLES TO ROGER WOLCOTT.

BOSTON, Jan^ry 31. 1748/9

Sir,

Herewith you have our act for sinking the paper Bills and introducing a more stable Currancy, for which end it was absolutely necessary to prohibit the passing of the bills of the other Governments which had comonly been taken here in trade & comerce, & therefore we were compelled to restrain the Currancy of Connecticut Bills as well as those of New Hampshire & Rhode Island, notwithstanding our universal opinion of your much greater moderation & Justice in Issuing & drawing in your bills of Credit.

You have also copy of the letter sent Governour Law to be laid before your General Court, whether he will call the Assembly & do it on this occasion or not, we cannot tell, but imagine it may be of considerable weight to move him if your Hon^r & the Gentlemen about you shall incline to it, with this view it is, I give you the trouble of this, & perswade myself that if you consider the circumstances of the Case you will think it may be very beneficial that your Court should meet as soon as may be, the uniformity of the Councils & determinations of these two Governments, which are four fifths of New England, will be of great weight to induce the Parliament to give their aid where it may be wanted, & without that, may probably convince the other two small & most enormous Governments, how much their interest & being, depend on some thorough care to redeem their Bills, for if these two Governments shall agree in refusing them, their bills will be imediately wast paper.

I am apprehensive our act will be objected against by two sorts of men in very contrary circumstances, those who are large Creditors or possessors will think more than a mill'd Piece of Eight should be given for forty five shillings old Tenor of the bills, because a great part of the bills were Issued when a Piece of Eight went for but 25/ or 30/ & that therefore the bills Sh^d be redeem'd at that rate, the other sort of men who are pretty much ingag'd in trade & have little due any long time to them & have a pretty deal

to pay for debts newly contracted, think it hard that they should pay a Debt of 45/ with a piece of Eight which they say will now & has for some time past, been sufficient to pay a Debt of 50/ this (they say) is making them pay ten pr Cent more than is due.

Those things have been much considered & the proportion has, after long deliberation, been concluded on & seems to be considerably satisfactory to the people in Gen[l] both in Town & Country; should it have been set at 25/ or 30/ pr piece of Eight thô it might have been Just in some few particular Cases, yet it would have been most severe & Cruel in ten times as many instances, as most of the possessors have rec[d] their bills when they were between 50/ & £3 pr, oz & had the Court gone to the other extremity & redeem'd the bills at the rate of 50/ for a piece of Eight, it would have been such a manifest partiality in favour of the Debtor that there would have been great danger of Such interposition from home in favour of the Creditor, as might have been very grievous, to procure which, there were divers men, much engaged on both sides the water.

The great thing which seems to require your acting speedily, is, that they may see at home, not only that the bills of Credit in New England will be redeemed, but that a stable Currancy will succeed & be Establisht, this last consideration of a lasting Equitable Medium is the great thing which will encourage them to favour us & do every thing that may render our Efforts effectual, & there is great danger, that the Parliament or ministry will think it proper to delay payment till sufficient provision be made on this head, & therefore as nothing can be done conclusively hereon, so far as it relates to you, but by your General Court, it seems very requisite they should meet as soon as may be.

I hope my good friends in Connecticut will forgive me, that I so often concern myself in their affairs; It is, not only from my affection to my native Country, but from the large proportion of what I have in the world, which lyes among them; I may be mistaken & undesignedly hurt

them, but cannot, wilfully, till I am set against myself; I am the more solicitous in this affair & have been so, ever since it has been in agitation, because, it is not probable there will again, be such another opportunity to end paper money and the only thing, I am at present much concerned about, is, that nothing may interrupt a harmony between your Governmnt & this, which designing men, especially those who would be glad to continue paper money, will be very industrious to break or prevent, whether they live with you or with us; but there is no foundation or colour for it, our Interests are the same, that truth & Justice may take place & prevail, that we may save our Estates from being a prey to Rhode Island & New Hampshire Bills, by which they have been sinking & washing away, especially by the exorbitant flouds of Rhode Island for almost forty years.

I give you this trouble not merely on my own thoughts the Governr & Gentlemen of the Council desire it, as supposing that if you & the Gentlemen about you shall advise to the Calling a General Court, it will be very likely to accomplish it, & there seems now to be a very convenient season for it, Just before the Circuit of your superior Court begins, and I am afraid, that there are such numbers of men who have found their private profit (thô at the expence of the Public) by the depreciation of the paper bills, that they will lay blocks in the way of our deliverance from the terrible Calamity of paper money, which I Really believe to have been one of the Greatest mischiefs that ever befell either your Governmt or ours, as to our spiritual as well as temporal Interests, for the strange doings about it by all the Governments in New England have tempted people to believe there was no such thing as Justice or Comon Honesty, & that such things were only to be talkt of not practised, and as to our temporal Interests, while men could pay £100 with £75, they have been tempted to leave Industry & labouring with their hands & turn Jockys & Hucksters to live by their wits & sharping upon their neighbours by money they have borrowed & could pay so easily, It would require a volume to represent these things

in all their black colours, & I know you need it not who have such Just thôts on this subject, I have written to my Brother & Col[l] Pitkin on this affair, who I perswade myself will readily add their weight, I am with a very high respect

Your Most Hum[e] Servt

SAMUEL WELLES

The Honourable Govr WOLCOT

SAMUEL LYNDE AND JOHN RICHARDS TO JONATHAN LAW.

NEW LONDON Feb[ry] 16th 1748/9

Hon[rd] Sir

Yesterday about 7 or 8 of the Chiefs or heads of the Tribe of the Mohegan Indians came To us the Subscribers (being by Act of Assembly Appointed their Guardians) And Seem verry Uneasy that they have no Sacham or Chief And desire (if it may be Allowed) that they may in Some Short Space of Time Choose one, we Told them that it did not pertain to us Either to Consent or dissent in the affair, but at the Same Time advised them not to make much Stirr about the Matter, but to be Calm and Cool and Keep their designs and Actions among themselves (otherwise they might depend Some Emissary or other would Sow the Seeds of Division Among them) and that we would Inform Y[r] Honour of the Matter and Desire Your Oppinion and Advice about the affair which If you'l please to favor us with we Shall Communicate the Same To them

This from Your Hon[rs] Most Obedient Humble Serv[ts]

SAMUEL LYNDE
JOHN RICHARDS

[Indorsed by Law] Coll[l] Linds and Esq[r] Richards feb[r] 16 1748/9

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Febry. 20. 1748

Sir,

I have lately received Intelligence (which your Honour will find contained in the inclosed Paper) of the Prepara-

tions making by the French of Canada for the Settlement of the Lands near Crown Point; And I make no Question of the Truth of it, It being a Thing I always expected would be attempted by them immediately upon a Peace; And I look upon the Affair to be of such Consequence as to require the utmost Efforts of the English Governments in every proper way to prevent it: And (besides its being a Matter of general Concern to all his Majestys Colonies on the Continent of America, who may in Process of Time be equally endangered by the Spreading & Growth of the French upon our Borders) as your Colony, as well as ours, will be more immediately affected herewith, I judged it necessary to comunicate this Intelligence to you; & to desire you would maturely consider this Matter & let me have your Opinion, What may be proper to be done by the English Governmts (In case the French should make these Incroachmts upon his Majestys Territories) for preveuting them before it be too late

I am Sir with great regard

Your Honour's most Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

The Honble Govr Laws

[Indorsed] Govr Shirleys febry 20th recd March 2d 1748–9

ISRAEL WILLIAMS TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Extract of a Letter from Israel Williams Esqr to Governour Shirley.

Hatfield Feby 13th 1748

Sir.

The 11th Instant Colo Willard sent a Frenchman to me, who the Wednesday before came to Fort Dummer he calls his name Jean Orange, and gives this account of himself, that seven days before his arrival at Fort Dummer he came from Crown point where he had been for sometime a Soldier, and that he deserted the Service and came to New England with hopes to get home to France from whence he came about six years ago; It's possible he may give the true

reason of his running away, he is very desirous of getting to Boston and having an opportunity to send him along without much charge to the Government, I have ordered him to your Excellency to be disposed of as you think proper. He says there is about an hundred Soldiers now at crown point, no Indians out, and that both French and Indians are in full Expectation of an established peace, also that the French are preparing & intend very soon to come and settle the Lands near Crown point, it seems they little fear the Success of Mr Bollans memorial (if they have ever heard of it) or the Attempts made to procure the Demolition of that Fort, and their removal from thence, our people that have been there one and all represent the Lands East & South of Crown point for a great extent, exceeding rich, valuable & suitable for Settlements.

Examined ℘ J. Willard Secry

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of Israel Williams to Govr Shirley febr 18 1748–9

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Milford March 3d 1748–9

Sr

I had the favour of yours of the 20th of february As to his Majties Territories how farr North or Nor West they extend I do not know, but I understand We are bounded North with your Province and Dearfield lyes about fourteen miles South of Albany and your Colony Line runns thrô some part of Northfield so that your Govt and ours are vastly Southward of Crown point We have an Authority to make warr on any that shall invade us and on any not in Alliance with the Crown of great Brittain yet if any Conquest and Acquisition should be made by us against his Majties Enemies, it would be for his Majty and not for our selves and had we have taken Canada it had been in the same Predicament with Cape Briton and so would Crown point unless his Majty should have judgd it to be within his Territories and you by your Agent Mr Bollen have given

Information of the french Incroachment which is all we can do, since a Cessation of Armes is comanded. I think nothing remains for us but to make our selves as defensible on our own Borders as we can. When this Countrey shall be populated (as god and nature has made it capable of,) it cant be otherwayes but one Kingdome or Gov^{t} must be contiguous to another as in Europe and some other parts of the terrestial Globe I have seen an acc^{t} of a motion made for a Tract of unoccupied land in North America (which I guess to be between N England and Canady) by ye Settlement w^{r}of the Hospitals and Parishes may be easd of y^{r} Poor, and will be a Barrier to us.

Puffendorf in his Introduction to the History of Europe dos frequently remark the Misfortunes of great Monarcks in extending their Dominions too farr.

Mr Secrys of Jan^{r} 28th I rec^{d} february 8th inclosing a printed Copy of your Act ab^{t} the paper Currency to be comunicated to the gen^{l} Assembly. to do so is my steady practice whenever they meet, but on Monday last Govr Wolcott mett with a Letter at my house (brôt by Coll^{l} Jos: Pitkin) from Mr Wells urging (and as he said by the Motion of ye Govr and Council) to call an Assembly here forth with. I asked the Advice of the D. Govr Gentlemen of the Council and had but one hand in favor of it. so I leave it to usual Sessions

I had some time before a Motion made by Mr Secry and on the 2^{d} of Dec^{br} by yours of the 28th of Nov^{br} for calling an Assembly to appoint Com^{rs} to conferr on your Bill for putting a Period to ye paper Currency On which I signifyd to you on the 6th of Dec^{br} That it not agreeing with my Sentiments, I had sent to the D Govr and Gentlemen above for y^{r} Advice and had rec^{d} none: since which I have had Advice from Mr Palmer That he had petitiond y^{r} L^{d}shipps for the imediate payment of the one third part and tenderd Security as they requird yet the payment was delayd, the cause whereof he knew not. Also That the Charge of the Canada Regiment being left to one of the Paymasters & Secry of Warr, they had made no Report thereon Your Excellency

having signifyd to one of the Secrys of State That you would give an Acc^{t} and had not done it.

As to our depreciating Medium I am not insensible of the Injustice of it and am a Sufferer by it to as high a Degree as any one of no better fortune, yet I am perswaded, it would be no difficult thing for this Gov^{t} when advantaged by the Reimbursements justly due to us to senk all our outstanding Bills if those who take Benefitt by the depreciating of them be not too numerous for those more honestly inclind, be sure the Council have alwayes shewn their Zeal for any proper Measures for reducing the publick Debts.

The Motion came too late for calling an Assembly before the Circuit and a little time will bring May Court where I flatter my self some proper Measures will be taken for removing the present Difficulty and establishing a stable Medium of Trade

I am Your Excellencys

Most Obedient humble Servant

J L

Govr Shirley

P S In 1740 Our Assembly upon an Order from the L^{ds} Justices to publish and putt in Execution an Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of Queen Ann for Settling ye Rates of forrein Coynes in her Maj^{ties} Plantations in America did Order the s^{d} Act to be printed and published with the Acts of our Assembly.

And I doubt not of your Excellencies Consideration of the s^{d} Act of Parliament and should be glad to know how our setting forreign Coyns at an higher Rate will ride clear of that Act of Parliament for Instance a piece of eight settled at 4^{s}–6^{d} to pass for 45^{s} old tenor 11^{s}–3^{d} new and after 31st of March next at 6^{s} ℔ piece.

J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley March 3^{d} 1748–9

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 4 Mar 1748/9

To the Honble Jon^a Law Esqr

Sir/

My last to your Honour was of 1 Decr Copy of which has been forwarded, & I have now to inform the Colony that there is preparing to be brought into Parliam^t a Bill for regulating Paper Currency in all the Colonies & for Inforcing the Kings Instructions to the Govern^rs upon the same Plan which I transmitted to your Hon^r in the Year 1744 which I have given all the Opposition I could without Doors & shall use my best Endeavours in Behalf of the Colony to prevent its passing into a Law in the mean time I shall from time to time advise you what steps are taken in this Affair

I Presume I need not remind your Hon^r of Transmitting to me a Power of Attorney from the Colony & under their Seal to Enable me to receive the Money Granted by Parliam^t for reimbursing the Expences of tak^g Cape Breton a Vote of the Genl Court not being deem'd (We find) Sufficient for that Purpose

The Pay of Canada troops is still Postpon'd for want of Govr Shirleys Reasons to Support his Charge against those rais'd in Connecticut which being only in General Terms (that very great Abatem^t ought to be made) an intire Stop is put to all Proceedings in the Affair, when I had reason to believe it was very near a Conclusion Why this Representation of his did not come sooner is best known on your side ye Water Having nothing Material to add at pres^t I Conclude

Your Hon^rs & the Colonys
Faithf^ll hum^le Servt
ELIAK^M PALMER

[Indorsed] Agents Letter of March 4th 1748–9

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 13th March 1748/9

Sir

As nothing material has happend in the Colonys Affairs since the foregoing Coppy of my last* (by way of New York) I have only to forward a Duplicate of the Attorney & Solicitor Generall report upon a Reference to them from the Lords of ye Treasury relating to the Powers transmitted to the several Agents to enable them to receive the money Granted by Parliament to those Colonys that Assisted in the Reduction of Cape Breton, Also Coppy of the power sent to ye Agent for Rhoad Island wch is Deem'd suffict for that purpose I conclude at prest

Yor Honrs & ye Colony's
Most Faithfll humle servt
ELIAKM PALMER

P S 16 March 1748/9

The Bearer being Detain'd gives me an Opportunity of inclosing the Votes of the House of Commons by wch appears the Steps I have taken to Oppose the passing of An Act to inforce the Kings Instructions to his Governours & laying such absolute restrictions on the Colonys in regard to the Issue of Paper money and I shall duly advise the Colony of my Success therein In the meantime I remain &c.

JAMES WADSWORTH TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWICH April 5th 1748

May it please Your Honour

the Deputie Govr hath Inquired into the affaire recommended to him and he is of opinion (as he tells me) that it's best to fall in with the motion of the Moheags, and to appoynt Col: Bulkley &c to repare to those Indians at time &c and to direct them &c yet leaveing them to theire free choyse. Mr John Richards & J: Harris Seem both Ingaged in the affaire Col: Bulkley thinks it best not to meddle in

* Dated March 4, 1748/9.

the matter of chuseing a Sachem, espetially Since we can't tell what may hapen at Court where the affaire is Still depending as far as we can tell, I finde the people have theire pertecular views, and it's to me doubtfull what is best to be don with relation to the Moheags, but must leave the whole to Your own prudence, being perswaded your Honour will act for the best. Not further to ad.

I remaine Your Honours
humble & obedient Servt
JAMES WADSWORTH

[Superscribed] To the Honourable JONATHAN LAW Esqr
at Millford pr Mr Robert Walker
[Indorsed] Coll[l] Wadsworths recd april 10th 1749

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

I wrote your Honour of the 13th March (Coppy of wch has been forwarded) acquainting the Colony wth the Steps I had taken to Oppose ye passing of a Bill brot into parliament for Regulated and restraining Paper Currancy, For inforcing the Kings Instructions to his Governours, And Impowering them to put a Negative upon all Laws made in the Charter Governmts as well as those under his Majtys immediate Commission; And I have now the pleasure of Acquainting you that I have so far succeeded by my Petition as to procure a total suppress of the two last Clauses and the Colony may relye on my best endeavours to have the whole Bill laid aside at least so far as regards Connecticut, It is now under consideration of a Committee of the House of Commons before whom I am to be heard by Councill.

I presume Your Honr is not unacquainted that the Province of Massachusets have been pleased to join me in a power or rather Act of the General Court wth two other Gentlemen for receiving the money Granted by Parliamt for their Expences in the Reduction of Cape Breton, Also to Solicit an Act for Obliging all the Colonys to call in their

Paper Currcy & prevent yr Issuing any more of the like nature for the future; But as I did not think it Consistent wth my Character as Agent for Connecticut to accept of the last part of the Tract without your Leave I have Declin'd Acting therein.

I have to Apprize your Honour of another Affair now on the Tapis which in my Opinion very Greatly Concerns all the Colonys in America but more particularly those whose Affairs of Governmt are in the hands of Dissenters from the Establishd Church And that is a Scheme wch is on Foot for sending Bishops among you wch are to be created on purpose; This the present Bishop of London has very much at heart, and as it is a Matter wch so plainly speaks its own Importance I flatter myself I shall not be tho^t over officious in bearing the strongest Testimony (as Your Agent) against it. Being a Measure which has so Direct a Tendancy to Introduce Ecclesiastical Tyrany amongst a people whose Ancestors have so severely felt the bad Effects of it as ours have done —— I have given ye Alarm to our Brethren on this side the Water who as a Body have Deputed Doctr Avery & myself to attend fur Great Men upon the Affair and I can assure you that for the present a Stop is put to it. Which wth my best Respects & services to the Colony is all that offers from ——

Yor Honrs most Faithfl
humle servt
ELIAKM PALMER

London 15 Aprll 1749
To the Honle Jona Law
[Indorsed by Law] Agents of 15 of April recd June 14 1749
[In another hand] Eliakim Palmer Esqr Agent

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

Fort George in New York
1st May 1749

Sr

Having been violently abased by Captain Robert Roddam of our Station Ship, and his Accomplices, in enticeing

& carrying away my Eldest Daughter, who was married to him last Munday, by Benjamin Strong, Minister of the Gospel at Stonwich (or Stanwich) within tenn Miles of Birom River, in your Government, without a Licence, or Publication usual there, or my privity or Consent, and in the most notorious manner, destructive & detrimental to all civil Society, or common Friendship; as well as to the inexpressible grief of Mrs Clinton & Self.

And as I am resolutely determined, to prosecute the Perpetrators in my Government, who were Accessaries to it, to the utmost rigour of the Law; I am persuaded that the inviolable Friendship, that has subsisted between us, the Abhorrence that must naturaly affect your Breast, & the Dignity of Governours (which should indispensably be supported) will incite your Honour to make strict enquiry into the Affair & prosecute so Notorious a Villain, which I have the strongest reasons to imagine him to be, & that he was conscious, (at the same time he did it) that he knew who she was, and notwithstanding was so mercenary to perform the Office.

I desire, in justice to me, that you will immediately proceed against him, according to the Salutary Laws, against clandestine Marriages in your Government; & send me by the very first oppertunity, what informations you can possibly procure in the Affair, properly sworn to, that they may appear as corroborating Evidences, against the Parties concerned in my Government.

It is not only my paternal resentment, but the Laws of Nature, the Indignity to Governours, & the prevention of the like villainy, which spur me on to crie aloud for Justice, which I make no doubt you will assist me in, in an Affair of such importance.

I am Sr with great regard
Your Honours most afflicted
and most obedient Servant
G CLINTON

To the Honble Governour Laws
[Superscribed] To The Honourable Jonathan Laws Esqr
Governour of Connecticut at Milford N Y 2dwt
[Indorsed] Govr Clintons of May 1st recd 3d 1749 5s 6d

THOMAS HANCOCK TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston May 8th 1749

Honble Sir

The Inclosed I Received ℘ Capt Fones to be Forwarded to you by Order of my Lord Duke, I hope it will Come safe to you, I had the same for this Province, Rode Island, New Hampshire & Nova Scotia.

I Cant help Observing to your Honour, That for several Years I had the Honour of Transmitting to your Agent in England, Both Papers and Money, for your Collony, what Reason or offence I might give to Occasion the Change I Know not, but whenever it may be in my Power to Render you any service you will please to Command

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedt Humb. Servt

THOMAS HANCOCK

P S. I have been at some Charge several Times for Letters for your Goverment, since they Settled with me, which they are Welcom to.

To The Honble Jona Laws Esqr Govr of Connecticutt &c [Superscribed] on His Majesty's Service [ ] Honble Jona Laws Esqr Governour of Connecticutt of Milford now at Hartford By Mr Butler

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT TO THE BOARD OF TRADE.

May it please your Lordships

We have recd your Queries directed to the Govr and company of this his majties colony of connecticut and in answer thereto inform your Lordships

1 the Scituation of the Colony as hath been found by repeated & careful observations is between 41 & 42 degrees of N Latitude and about 71 of Longitude from London the three most considerable rivers in the colony are connecticut Stratford and New London river the two principal branches of which Last mentioned river are called Quinnebaug and Shetuckett tis bounded Southerly by the Sea or Sound near which and by the rivers the Soil is more

fruitfull but the greatest part of the Land is mountainous and rocky the climate is very cold in winter and hot in Summer

2 the Colony is bounded Southerly on the Sea or Sound Easterly on Rhode Island westerly on Newyork north on the Line of the massachusetts colony

3 as to the Constitution of the Governmt the Legislative power is by the Royal charter vested in the General assembly which consists of the Govr or in his absence the D Govr and 12 assistants (whereof the Govr or deputy Govr & 6 assists are a quorum) & representatives from each town not exceeding two all which are chosen by the freemen of the respective towns the Govr or deputy Govr and assistants are calld the upper house the deputies or representatives the lower house without the concurrence of each house no act is passd they make Laws institute judiciatories appoint judges & other necessary officers who before they enter upon their respective offices are al sworn they meet twice in each year viz in may & october & oftener if calld together by the Govr on any emergency

4 the trade of the colony is not Large; horses Lumber & Some provisions are exported to the west india Islands from whence we receive in exchange Sugar rum molases Salt & Some bills of exch: what provisions we can Spare are principally Sent to Boston Newyork & Rhode Island to pay for european goods which we have mostly from thence though of Late we have had Some quantities of goods imported directly from great brittain which trade we are endeavouring to cultivate as to the number of Shipping & Seafaring men we must refer you to the acct from the Collector and naval officer which we herewith transmit and which is Sent quarterly to the commissioners of the customs

5 our inhabitants take annually of the british manufactures all Sorts of woolen cloath Silks Scythes naills glass pewter brass firearms & all Sorts of cutlery ware the quantity we cannot ascertain

6 We have at present no trade with any foreign

plantations though before the Late warr we had Some few vessels that went up the mediterranean with fish with which they purchas'd bills of exch: and brought the effects home in british manufactures

7 the methods us'd to prevent illegal trade are a Strict conformity to the acts of parliament relating thereto by the collector and Naval officer which we conclude are effectual

8 the producs of the Country are timber English grain indian Corn flax hemp tobacco horses cattle Sheep Swine, Some Small quantities of each of which are annually exported as before mention^{d} our manufactures are inconsiderable our people being generally imployed in clearing and tilling the earth Some tradesmen there are as tanners Shoemakers Taylors joyners Smiths carpenters &^{c} without which we could not Subsist

9 There are Some copper mines but proving unprofitable are wholly Laid aside Iron ore hath been found in Sundry places and improv'd to good advantage

10 the Number of our inhabitants of both Sexes & all ages are computed to be about 70000 whites and 1000 blacks and they are greatly increased within the ten years Last past which we attribute (under the divine blessing) to a wholesom air industrious Life & frugality in Living

11 the militia are computed to be about 10000 reconing from 16 to 50 years of age

12 we have a battery at New London in which are 9 guns mounted, and in our most exposd frontiers many fortifications to Secure the people from the insults of the enemy

13 the indians among us are about 500 in all they are naturally inclind to idleness and excessive drinking but the great pains that hath been taken to instruct them in Literature and in the christian religion Seems not to be altogether in vain

14 There are no indians that border upon us the Six nations So call'd are the nearest who Live partly in New-york governm^{t} and partly westward of it

15 The Spaniards have no Settlements nearer to us St Augustine the french at Canada though not very near have been very troublesom especially Since they have built a Strong fort on this Side the Lake at a place call'd Crown point from which they with the indians very often make excursions and distress our frontiers & those of Newyork & the Massachusetts which occasions a great expence in garrisoning them

16 The Annual Revenue by Rates and duties in time of peace amounts to about £9000 in bills of credit about 2000 of which is Expended in the Support of Schools for the education of youth the remainder for the Support of Government Since the commencemt of the warr our expences have been vastly greater

17 Our civill Establishments are 1 a Superiour Court Consisting of one chief judg and four assisting judges this court Sitts twice in the year in each County in which are try'd all high crimes and misdemeanors and civil actions that come to them by appeal from inferior courts

2 an inferiour court in Each county consisting of one chief judg and three or more justices of the Quorm who Sit twice in the year and oftener if occasion requires for the tryal of delinquents and Civil actions in all these courts matter of Law is determined by the court & matter of fact by a jury

3 in Each town are one or more justices of the peace for Conservation of the peace and tryal of small causes

The militia is divided into thirteen regiments the officers in Each are A Collll Lieutt Collll and major and in each regiment is a Troop of horse all the officers both Civil and Military are approved by the Genll assembly and commissioned by the Govr

JAMES WADSWORTH
SAMUEL LYNDE
JER MILLER
JNO RUSSELL
ELIHU CHAUNCEY
SETH WETMORE
JOSEPH PLATT

Colony of Connecticut ss } Hartford May 11th 1749
General Assembly }

In the upper House

The foregoing Answer To The Queries from Their Lordships of The Board of Trade To The Govr & Company of The Colony of Connecticutt & ordered That The Secretary Direct The Same to The Right Honble The Lords Comissioners for Trade & Plantations; & Sign The Same ℔ order of This Assembly

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secre

In ye Lower House

The foregoing Answers to ye Queries Reced & Approved by Concurrence

Test JN^O FOWLER Clerk*

HENRY NORRIS JR. TO BALSTON AND PALMER.

LONDON 27 May 1749

Balston & Palmer

Gent.

I am extremely concerned to have Occasion of writing to you upon so Melancholly a Subject as the Decease of my dear Friend Mr Eliakim Palmer who was very soon Snatched from us in the prime & Vigour of Life, after about 9 or 10 Days Illness only. it was but this Day 3 weeks we had agreed together to set out on the 13 Instant for Berkshire upon an Invitation from Mr Theobalds, to him and Mrs Palmer Mrs Norris and my self to spend a few days there, which was put off on Account of Mr Palmers being taken ill on the 9 of May. He dined with me that Day (being particularly Invited on Account of its being his Wedding Day) was very Chearful 'tho Complained of Illness, went from me early and went to Bed, had a Low Fever of the Nervous kind attended with a Lax, but from which we did not Apprehend any great danger 'till the 16 at night when the first Appearance of a Delerium came on,

* This document is evidently the original report of the committee of the Assembly by whom it is signed. As transmitted to England, it was probably signed by the Governor or Secretary or both of these officials.

'tho did not Continue Long. for about ¾ of an Hour his Reason came on (say Returned) he was sensible of what had happened and Apologized with his usual Good Nature for it and hoped he had hurt no Body. On the 17 at Night it Returned again with greater Strength, after which He had only Some short Intervals of Reason and departed this Life on the 18th at 6 in the Evening — greatly Lamented by all his Family and his Friends — till the 16th He Continued 'tho ill to give his Instructions to his Book keeper Concering Affairs of Business, with the same Calmness and Perspicuity as at other Times. On the 16 in the Morning He thought Himself worse than we Apprehended him to be, which I Collect from his Recommending to Mrs Norris and me That We would be kind to Mrs Palmer and his Little Folks and take Care of them. A Recommendation, that I shall endeavour to pay such a Regard too, as is Becoming the Friendship which Subsisted between us and which I owe to his Memory. He has left one Son and Mrs Palmer about 6 Months gone with Child, which makes the Circumstance of her Loss Still more Affecting to her, and Renders her incapable of Attention to Business or writing of any kind, therefore Rely on your Indulgence & Good nature for her excuse in not writing on so Tender and Melancholly a Subject. She desires however I would make her due Compliments of Condolences to you and the Good Family on this mournful Occasion, I do it therefore in Obedience to her Request, with a Becoming Concern for the Loss of our Friend. As our deceased Friend was Agent for the Colony of Connecticutt, likewise Concerned in the Agency for the Colony of Massachusetts and Laboured very truly and Carefully for the Interest of those affairs, wherewith he was Intrusted and had by far the greatest Burthen thereof fall to his Share, and indeed his diligence therein Brought on him this fever that deprved us of him, I hope you will think of the Family so far, that if any Share of that Com mission, likely to have Accrued to our deceased Friend had he Lived can be procured for the Benefit of the Family you will be so Good to use your endeavours towards procuring

it. I mean that as the Money that has been solicited for here, may come to be paid by parliament & is to be laid out in some shape or other, probably in purchase of Spanish Silver, so the Commission arising therefrom would have in part come to Mr Palmer had he Lived, and indeed he has earned it dearly. Therefore whoever is Appointed to Succeed him in the Agency may be directed to allow the Family (or Estate of Mr Palmer) such share thereof as the Colony thinks proper and due to his Services. And if the Colony pleases to make that a Condition with a future Agent, No doubt but they may. And I think no Reasonable Man can Repine at such Conditions. Time will not permit me to add further, as I expect Mr Lechmere every minute, for this and the Rest of our dispatches, which he has kindly promised to take care of, and safely deliver to you. But from the short hint I have given you about procuring some Benefit to the Estate I doubt not your kind endeavours. I beg you will believe me to be very truly

Gent.

your most humE servant

HENRY NORRIS JUNR

Copy.

[Indorsed by Law] Exr Norris to Balston and Palmer 1749

EXECUTORS OF ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW

LONDON 28th May 1749

The Honble Jonathan Law Esqr

Hond Sir

We heartily Condole with you for the Loss of our valuable friend Mr Eliakim Palmer who died the 18th Inst, By his will he has appointed us his Exrs here & Messrs Balston & Palmer Exrs for his New England Estate We shall with all Convenient speed transmitt to your Honor an accot of what is due to his Estate from the Colony, Copy of which shall inclose to said Messrs Balston & Palmer meantime we hope the affairs of the Colony will not suffer till the appointmt of another Agent as no money will be pd by

ye Parliamt till next year & are

Sir Your Honrs mo he Sertts

BEESTON LONG
HENRY NORRIS JR
WM PALMER

Please direct to the Exrs of Eliakim Palmer Esqr deceased

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] A Letter from the Exrs of Agent Palmer of 28th of May 1749 recd Augt 2d

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

HARTFORD June 2 1749

Please your Excellency

Having comunicated to our Assembly an Acct from our Agent That a full Stopp was putt to the Paymaster and Secry of Warr yr reporting to the Lds of the Treasury on ye Accts of the Expences of our Regiment in the intended Expedition against Canada, by your Excellencies Information That great abatements ought to be made and not giving the Reasons why I am desired by Vote of our Assembly to desire you would give me some Information of the Reasons why any such Abatements in your Opinion ought to be made and to direct the Express by which this comes to wait one Week or fortnight for your Excellencies Answer thereto

Your very humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

GOVR SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley June 2d 1749

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON June 3d 1749

Sir,

The Occasion of this Letter is to acquaint your Honour, that there are now in Boston nine Indians, six of the Penob-

scot Tribe & three of Norridgewalk, wth whom I have had divers publick Conferences, who declare themselves to be sent hither by the Indian Tribes of St Francois & St John's River, as well as their own, and impowered by those Tribes to assure us of their Disposition & Desire to make Peace with the English Governments, and to appoint a time of Meeting for such Treaty; And I have accordingly appointed the 27th of Septr next for the time of their Meeting us at Falmouth in Casco Bay. And as this Government apprehends that it will be of great Advantage for the Success of this Affair, that all the neighbouring Governmts concerned in the late War should be represented by their Commissrs at this Treaty, I desire that your Honour would please to send Commissioners from Connecticut to join in these Negotiations in behalf of your Colony. As it has always been the Custom to make Presents to the Indians upon the Conclusion of the Treaty, We have provided for such Presents as we judged necessary for our selves. I shall write to the Governours of New Hampshire and Nova Scotia.

I am Sir

Your Honour's most Obedt

Humble servant.

W SHIRLEY

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS HANCOCK.

MILFORD June 13th 1749

Sr

Yours of ye 8th of May by Mr Buttler I recd Esqr Palmer has directed his Salery to be paid to Messrs Balston and Palmer. the last Paquett I sent, Mr Palmer being att my house wn I was writing undertook the care of it The first, of which I did not give you the trouble. Mr Towsey concernd in Clarks Appeal went in person to Boston and finding Mr Wells his Class-mate. prevaild with him to take Care of ye Papers, who signifying to me, his readiness to serve his Countrey, even all things afterwards past thrô his

hands. These Circumstances were the only Occasion of the Change and not at all from any Offence or Disatisfaction at your management y^r of

I did indeed urge at the Board sundery times that some meet recompence might be presented to you, (not remembering any thing had ever been, excepting only a V^lb Bill in Govr Talcotts time,) but had no Answer saving That you generously said We were wellcome to it. I give you hearty Thanks for the Care you have taken and doubt not in the least of your doing us any good Offices which shall fall within your Compass and take leave to Subscribe my self

Your obedient humble Servant

JON^TH LAW

Make my Service acceptable to Maddam

Mr THOMAS HANCOCK

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Hancock June 13th 1749

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^N June ye 13th 1749

S^r

In obedience to yor Hon^rs Command I now transmit a List of all the Vessells Clear'd out a this Port for the West Indies &c. Betw^n Lady Day 1748 and Lady Day 1749

Some of which have bin taken others Sold, others twice Clear'd, 'tis almost impossable to tell Exactly how many are the prop^ty of ye Inhabit^ts of this Coloney at any particular time, but it is the opinion of ye Coll^r & I think wth Him; that 50 Sail Set @ 50 Tons Each is the full amount of ye Tonage of all our Shipping, Imploy'd in any Traide abroad.

I am wth all Duty and the greatest Esteam

Yo^r Hon^rs most Oblig^d

Hum^le Servt

JER. MILLER

To Govr LAW

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATH^N LAW Esqr Govern^r of His Majestys Coloney of Connectic^t a Milford free

Jer. Miller

[Indorsed] Mr Millers June 13th 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD June 13 1749

Sr

Being infomd by our Agent Eliakim Palmer Esqr That the Obstructions which lay in the way of his receiving ye money granted by Parliament for reimbursing our Cape Britton Expences were his want of a special Authority under the Seal of the Govt and our Bills being outstanding

Our Assembly have agreed to give such an Authority and to appropriate the money granted, for the calling in the sd outstanding Bills and to levy three Rates in the years 1751, 1752 and 1753 which will be sufficient to call in all our Bills and to appoint a Comtee under Oath to burn and destroy them and all Fines Fees and Penalties to be establishd in Proclamation money

I have already wrote your Excellency to favour me with the Reason why you judge great Abatements ought to be made on our Expences in the intended Expedition against Canada and on our Regiment which I hope you will not fail to pleasure me in In great sincerety I Subscribe

Your most humble obedient Servant

JONTH LAW

to his Excellency Govr SHIRLEY Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley June 13th 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD June 19 1749

Sr,

I recd by Coll Burr divers Copies from you yet there is wanting Powers of Attorney to our Agent. Coll Fitch did draw a form yet least that should be mislaid I inclose to you as you will see (I think agreeable to the Pattern sent us) and you will draw them out fair and send to me with ye Seal, to Sign.

There is also wanting Our Answer to yr Ld shipps of ye Board of Trade's Queries. abt Shipping I have an Acct

from our Naval Officer and the Collector

I cant finish my writing Home to our Agent till I have Mr Shirleys Reasons for great Abatements or that he will not let me know them, wch I expect on Coll[l] Williams's Return which has occasioned my delay

I dont remember any order for sending Mr Agents Salery to his Correspondents at Boston, I think it was 400[ll] old tenor give ye Treasurer a Copy of ye Grant and Mr Baldwin may indorse it and I will send it when I send my paquett to Boston

if you observe any other Order of ye Assembly for my Direction you will send it.

I have recd a Letter from our Agent of the 15th of April wherein he informs me that by his Petition he has so farr succeeded as to procure a total Suppress of the two last clauses in the Bill in Parliament, (for enforcing the Kings Instructions and the Gov[r]'s putting a Negative on all Acts passd) and will use his faithfull Endeavours to have the whole Bill laid aside at least so farr as concerns Conecticutt which is under Consideration of a Comtee of the House of Comons, before whom he is to be heard by Council. The Massathusetts have desired him to joyn with them to solicitt for an Act for all the Colonies to call in their Bills and prevent ye putting out any more, to which he could not under the Character of our Agent agree to, without Leave.

Also that an Attempt has been made for creating Bishops in ye Plantations wch lay much at the heart of the Bp of London wch Dr Avery and he representing the whole body of Dissenters had putt a Stopp to for ye present knowing how grievous such an Ecclesiastical Tyranny would be to those, in whose hands the Govt is, in Dissenters. Of which please to inform ye D Gover Esqr Pitkin &c as you may think fitting this is ye needfull from

Sr Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

G Wyllis Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Secry Wyllis June 19 1749

JONATHAN TRUMBLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LEBANON June 26th 1749

Sir

I am returned from Boston, where I did the utmost to get paper to print our Laws upon but could not succeed, when I found a Sufficiency could not be had, I went and laboured with the Printers to let me have 50 Rheam to begin upon, but could not obtain it by any Means; They told me it could not be had without sending to England for it, & some Gentlem offered to do it for me; but I Tho't it best to advise with your Honour upon it, whether it would not be best to Send to our Agent Mr Palmer to buy & send it to us, and take his pay out of The Sterling Money, he will soon have of our's in his hands, or if that fail to remit the money to him; and if your Honour think it best to do so, & Inform our Agent of it in your next Letter, & direct me to send to him for it, I will do it directly:—There is Capt Fones who told me last Wednesday That he should Sail for London in about Three weeks, by whom I shall Send, & I conclude Your Honour will incline to write by him; & The Paper may probably come in 4 or 5 months, & it will come much cheaper, Than a Merchant will let me have it, & he can't have it from thence any Sooner than This way proposed: I am told a good Genoa Paper will be best to do it on, and will come out the Cheapest. I conclude Colo Williams will send to You The return of what he obtains from Govr Shirley, and I have sent This to him to forward, And I Shall Wait Your Honour's Instruction

And Am, Honoured Sir, Your
Obedient Humble Servant
JONTH TRUMBLE

For The Honble JONTH LAW Esq

[Superscribed] For The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esq Governour of The Colony of Connecticutt At Milford These

[Indorsed] Coll Trumbles June 26 1749 recd July 1st

GEORGE CLINTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

FORT GEORGE July 3d 1749

Sr

Inclosed I send you a Copy of a Letter from Coll Marshall, which confirm me in the conjectures I have had for some time, that the French are preparing for a Rupture with us, in North America, which probably is to begin, by their falling on the Indian Nations which join'd us in the War. If we do protect them we loose all the Indians, who from thence forward can place no confidence in us, and if we do protect them a rupture may be the Consequence. The French Governours you know have great advantages over the English, by the difference of Constitution in their respective Governments: I am absolutely disabled from doing any thing at present.

You will too plainly see from the enclosed Copy of Mr Cummins Affirmation, and Mr Woolastons Affidavit, to what degrees of fury some mens spirits are raised, Oliver DeLancey soon after he had done this wicked act, fled & has escaped all the Search that could be made after him. The Wound enters above the right pap, and descends directly downwards, so that it could not have been given by a thrust, but by a Stab after Dr Colhoun was down; While Dr Colhoun was in danger, I could not so properly take notice of his Offence against me, but as we have now hopes, I last Saturday introduced the enclosed Evidence, and the Council has ordered the Attourney General to prosecute Oliver DeLancey according to Law

I am Sr with very great regard
Your Honours most obedient
humble Servant
G CLINTON

To the Honble Govr LAWS

[Indorsed] Govr Clintons of July 3d 1749 recd July 5th

HUBERT MARSHALL TO GEORGE CLINTON.

ALBANY 23d June 1749

Hond Sir,

I take this opportunity to let you know that I received the Inclosed Letter from the Commander of Crown Point this Morning & the Serjeant & five Men goes away Tomorrow, I thought it was proper to let the Officer know that I received this Letter; I send your Excelly a Copy of my Letter to him which I hope you won't disapprove of, & as the Serjeant told me that Peace was not proclaimed in Canada & as I had a Proclamation by me, I sent it Inclosed to the Officer of Crown Point; in asking the Serjeant sevl Questions I desired to know which way he thought these Six Indians were gone, he told me he thought they went Schaghkooke way, if so its thought they will cut off some people there, which if they do every Body that has lately settled will leave their Farms again. These two New England Men that came with the Serjeant & Party told me that they saw an Army of near One thousand Men March in Different Bodys from Canada this Day three weeks, Steering their way for Bille' Rivier the back of Philadelphia in order to prevent the English from Settling in those parts, so I thought it my Duty to acquaint you of it; these Men went from the Govt of Boston last March in order to get some of their Prisoners but without Success, for they have not brought one, for they said the Govr of Canada told them that he would not part with one Prisoner, till all his Prisoners were given up to him.

I had like to have forgot these Men told me that they heard at Crown Point that there was a party of thirty Indians fitting out at Otterskill, which is about three Leagues from Crown Point, but whether they was prevented he cannot tell, & am with the greatest respect

Your Excelly's

Mt Obedt & Mt hble Servt at Commd

HUBERT MARSHALL

A True Copy

G CLINTON

LUSIGNAN TO GEORGE CLINTON.

FORT S^T FREDERICK le 27 Juin 1749.

Monsieur

Sur l'avis que j'ai eu qu'un parti de six Sauvages, ontezas, népissiagues, & abenakes, partis la nuit de ce port il y a deux jours pour aller faire coup Sur vos Côtes après m'avais promis de n'y pas aller, j'ay detaché un Sergent et cinq Soldats pour conduire & escorter deux Anglois & un Irlandois arrivés hier de Montreal lesquels Anglois sont venus ici de Boston dans le mois de Mars dernier, la crainte que j'ai eu qu'ils rencontrassent ces Sauvages m'a fait prendu cette précaution pour leur Seureté. Il étoit parti de Montreal avec ces Anglois deux Iroquois du Sault St Louis pour les conduire a Orange, mais après avoir bû leur eau de vie ils les sont laissé a six lieux en deça du fort St Jean et s'en sont retournés après avoir reçu quelque argent d'advance Sur leur voyage

J'ai l'honneur d'etre très parfaitement
Monsieur
Votre très humble & très
obeiss^t Serviteur
LUSIGNAN

A True Copy
G CLINTON
[Indorsed by Law] French Letter 1749

DEPOSITIONS OF THOMAS CUMMING AND JOHN WOLLASTON.

City of New York } ss. Thomas Cumming of the said City being of the people commonly called Quakers being of full Age and duly Affirmed did Declare & Affirm for truth that on Fryday Afternoon about the hour of five, he this Affirmant together with one John Woollaston a Gentleman lately Arrived from London called at the house of Andrew Ramsay a Tavern keeper in this City to Inquire for a Gentleman with whom they intended some real

Business, whose Name this Affirmant did not then know (but has since learnt was one Hopkins from Virginia) & as his Name was not known at that time to this Affirmant or to the said Woollaston (to the knowledge or belief of this Affirmant) they Inquired for the Names of the Persons in Company with the said Oliver De Lancey, having heard he had been in his Company, And were Informed that David Johnson was one, whereupon they bid the Drawer call him to them at the Door, & thereupon Mr Johnson came to the Door, & Informed them that Mr Hopkins was gone, & they upon being Informed so proposed to go from the house, that Mr Johnson Endeavoured to perswade them to go into the Company, which they Declined, & he finding he could not perswade them took hold of each of them by the hand, & wth one of them in one of his hands, & the other in the other hand, he in a friendly Manner pulled them into the Room where the Company was, which was a few paces distant from the place in the Entry where he first took hold of them.

That this Affirmant & Woollaston were Seated & saw in that Company Oliver De Lancey, the said David Johnson, Philip Vanhorn & one other person unknown to this Affirmant, whom he afterwards found to be one William Rickets, a Gentn of a Great Estate who lived in New Jersey.

That he this Affirmant readily perceived they were all a little Intoxicated with Liquor, & does not particularly recollect any thing that Passed for about or near Ten or Twelve Minutes, about which time Doctor Alexander Colhoun Entered the Room, & that at this Affirmants' first View of him he saw that he was very much disordered with Drink, & with many Staggerings, & other Symptoms of a Drunken Man, Seated himself in Company; & this Affirmant cannot with any certainty say whether Oliver De Lancey or Dr Colhoun or which other of the Company began first to Quarrell, for a[ ] were speaking, & in a seeming Confusion except Woollaston & this Affirmant, And [ ] that the first thing which Excited in him a Close & Concerned Attention was Oliver De Lancey's delivering himself in a very warm manner in Expressions to [ ] And in Sub-

stance, & as near as this Affirmant can remember in these words following to wit, By God I say the Govr is an Arrant Villain, Scoundrel & Rascal, I call him so, & so are all & every Man who takes his part Villains, Scoundrels & Rascals & Doctor Colhoun, who could scarce speak Intelligibly, thereupon told the said Oliver he ought to behave with good Manners, Oliver replyed Damn you, Sir, what are you to teach me Manners? This is the Second time you have told me to speak and behave myself with good Manners this afternoon. Sir, Added Oliver, I say the Govr & every Man who keeps his Company are Villains, Scoundrels & Rascals, &, Sir, I beg you would go & tell the Govr I call him so, And further Added that if he could any way Bribe him the Doctor, or any other person to Inform the Govr what he said, he would Bribe him or them to deliver the Message, & this Affirmant remembers nothing more distinctly than that the Doctor said well Sir, very well Sir, what the Divil have we to do with these things here, why should we disturb the Company with this Talk? there is another time, Sir, for that, & Oliver seemed satisfyed to be Silent, but in a few Minutes Exclaimed as above, again against the Govr, the Mayor & all their Adherents in the above mentioned Expressions, And told Doctor Colhoun on his rising from his Chair & Endeavouring to leave the Company that he might go away & be Dammed, for that if he (the Doctor) or any other person whatever, could not bear to hear the Govr Mayor & their friends called Villains Scoundrels & Rascals, he nor they should not Enter at any time into any Company where he should be, for that in all Companys & to all people at all times he would call them so: That the Doctor went out of Company, & David Johnson (who had either gone out before, or with, or soon after the Doctor, but which he the Affirmant cannot remember) very soon & in a few Minutes came into the Room without the Doctor, & beckoned or called to Oliver, who instantly went out, but Johnson sat himself down in the Room, & soon after Oliver De Lancey came into the room holding the Doctor by the hand, & both placed them-

selves as before, & Oliver then asked Johnson whether he Oliver had given any Toast in Company which had given any Offence to the Doctor, & David Johnson thereupon Denyed that he had told Dr Colhoun so, Oliver De Lancey asserted that the Dr had Charged him with it at the Door, & the Doctor said they Misunderstood him, & remembers he could make no Sense or Meaning of what the Doctor said.

That a great wrangle & noise Ensued, & what the Doctor said to Oliver De Lancey or he to the Doctor, he the Affirmant could not hear, nor can he Declare only that Oliver De Lancey soon after Quitted the Room & house, & the Doctor Endeavoured to follow & one of the Company privately, & without the Doctor's knowledge took his Sword out of his Scabbard, & kept it concealed from him for some time, but the Doctor perceiving his Sword was gone, Searched for it & had it returned to him. That in a few Minutes after Oliver De Lancey had left the Room, a Negro Man came to the house & called for Doctor Colhoun, & said he was sent by Mr De Lancey to desire Dr Colhoun to come to Mr De Lancey's house Directly. That this Affirmant & the rest of the Company once more Endeavoured to prevail on the Doctor not to leave them, but after a while they all Desisted, perceiving his obstinate Resolution of going, & he, the Doctor, then left the Room & house of Ramsey; That soon after he was gone this Affirmant went to Mr De Lancey's house with David Johnson to prevent any Mischief which might Ensue, & got there before him, & found Mr De Lancey with a Cane or Stick in his hand at or near the Gate at the Street Door of his house in the Broadway, who asked them where the Doctor was & said he was affraid he would not come, but in a very short time the Doctor came & opened the Gate Door at the Inside, & appeared to them to have Entered at the back Door of Mr De Lancey's house, & in a Laughing humour said hah: Gent. are you there, that thereupon Oliver De Lancey immediately shoved or pushed this Affirmant & David Johnson from the Gate into the Street, & pushed the said Doctor Colhoun into the yard, & shut & Bolted the Gate at the Inside, whereupon David

Johnson got into the house thro' one of the front Parlour windows & came & opened the Gate for this Affirmant, who went in immediately, & he & the said Johnson were Informed by one of the Maid Servants that her Master was in the house, that this Affirmant & David Johnson went into the house & found the back Parlour Door shut which Johnson forced open & they both Entered in & there saw the said Oliver holding Dr Colhoun down by or near the Throat with his the said Oliver's Left hand on a Chair with a Drawn Sword in his Right hand pointed to the Body of the said Doctor Colhoun, And as soon as he the said Oliver saw the Affirmant & David Johnson, he let go his hold & Quitted the Doctor & lay down his Sword & came up to them & said Twice, By God I believe I have killed him, & sevl times called upon this Affirmant to get him his horse, & to help him on with his Cloaths & said that he must fly, that this Affirmant told him they must have a Doctor, & went & called Doctor Schuchburgh to Assist Dr Colhoun, & also went at Dr Schuchburgh's request to the Fort to fetch one Dr Bowler, a Surgeon, to his the said Schuchburgh's Assistance

THOMAS CUMMING

Affirmed this 24 Day of June 1749.

Before us

S: JOHNSON
JOHN MARSHALL
SAML LAWRENCE

City of New York } ss. John Woolaston late of the City of London in Great Britain Gent. of full Age being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that he hath heard the before written Affirmation of Thomas Cumming plainly & Distinctly read unto him, & saith that he is the same person therein mentioned, & that he was in Company with the said Cumming at the Dwelling house of Andrew Ramsay, & was together with the said Cumming introduced by David Johnson into one of the Rooms where Mr Oliver De Lancey & the other persons herein mentioned were, &

that all & every the Matters set forth & Affirmed by the said Thos Cumming in his said Affirmation so far as relates to what Passed in Conversation in the Room where the Company sat (Except as to the Message said to be sent by Oliver De Lancey to Doctor Colhoun to come to his house Directly, which this Deponent did not hear, he being for some time alone in the Room with Philip Vanhorne after Mr De Lancey was gone from thence) are true in Substance to the best of his knowledge, Remembrance & belief

JOHN WOLLASTON

Sworn the 24th June 1749
Before us
S JOHNSON Recorder
JOHN MARSHALL Deputy Mayor
SAML LAWRENCE Alderman

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE CLINTON.

MILFORD July 6th 1749

Sr

I recd some time since an Acct of some Difficulty grevous to you on Acct of a clandestine Marryage performd in this Colony which our law putts a penalty on him that adventures to act contrary to the provision made in it but it dos not fall within my Province to intermeddle in it, I thôt I should have opportunity in a little time to recomend it to them who were imediately concernd to rectify such Disorders, which I recomended to some in Authority in that quarter of ye Govt who said it must comence by the presentment of Grand Jury men to whom the Evidence should be sent and ye matter prosecuted by some Complainant Examples of this nature had been too frequent in your Govt and they could not believe the Minister had any Suspicion that ye person offering herself, had been so nearly related to your Excellency and that some Gentlemen from New York did not believe it so grievous to you but for some special Circumstances you shewd your Resentments so thrô Hurry of business I neglected to write any thing abt it.

As to yours rec^{d} Yesterday I am very sorry to hear of the difficult aspect on the Circumstances of your Gov^{t} and the dangerous Consequences which may follow thereon, some time agone I had an Acc^{t} from Govr Shirley That by a Deserter from Crown point he learnt That the ffrench designd a speedy Settlement of the Countrey about Crown point by which meanes they would be greatly advantaged to distress our Northern Settlements and very lately of a mans being killed and a lad taken Captive at N^{o} four which look^{d} as if the Indians were begiñing Mischief upon us. but Capt Church informs me that by a flagg of Truce's Acc^{t} from Quebeque it was probably only a private Revenge of some who had Relations killd by this man when they came against that ffort in warr time and the number of french people coming up St Laurence may be for the present, only to settle that Countrey and not any imediate View of Disturbing our Indians.

The Acc^{t} we have of the Disatisfaction given to the french by our Settlement of Nova Scotia and of their building a fort at St Johns in the Bay of Fundy and what they are doing at Tobago &c makes things look darkly, yet as Affairs shall be settled between the Crowns of great Britain and France their Dependants may expect to fare in some measure. indeed the part they may take in the Quarrells in the North, and the great preparations making in ffrance specially in their maritime Armaments, (of which your Excellency is better acquainted than I can pretend to) give cause of fear that the Reign of all the bad Planetts are not over. and our Dependance must be in him who governs the world in infinite Wisdom. And as I signify^{d} to Govr Shirley I knew nothing we could do but make our own Borders as defensible as we could since a Cessation of Armes against the french was comanded and thô we might withstand all that invaded us and make warr on any not in Alliance wth the Crown of great Britain yet if we made any Acquisition from their Enemies, it would be for the Crown and not for our selves and had we have proceeded and taken Canada it would have been in the same Predicament with Cape Britton, so now to you

Sr if your Authority (wch is so much greater than mine) will not answer among your people, what can I expect?

I have heard you took a Sail up the Sound and had not contrary winds prevented, would have given me the Opportunity of some personal Acquaintance of which I should have been excee[ding proud*] and that I might not be further tedious I abruptly break of[f and with*] highest Regards Subscribe

Your most humble obedient Servan[t*]

[JONTH LAW*]

George Clinton Esqr Govr &c &c &c

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Clinton July 6th 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO BALSTON & PALMER.

Milford July 11th 1749

Gentlemen

I send to you by Mr Nathan Whiting the Bearer hereof, four hundred pounds old Tenor Bills for Eliakim Palmer Esqr Agent for this Colony, the Salary granted him in May last. by whom also I send a Paquett to Esqr Palmer and a small ℘cell of raw Silk to be wrought up in England for my wife, hoping it may be serviceable to incline the Lds of the board of Trade to encourage the establishing something that may promote such an Improvement as may be for publick good. and since Mr Palmer saw a little of it when he was at my House, That he would take the trouble of putting to his helping hand for the promoting thereof, in such wayes as he shall think proper.

I take leave to Subscribe

Gentlemen your obedient

humble Servant

JONTH LAW

Messrs Balston and Palmer

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Messrs Balston & Palmer July 11 1749

* Supplied from a copy.

JONATHAN LAW TO JONATHAN TRUMBLE.

MILFORD July ye 14th 1749

Sr

yours of the 26ult I Receivd the first Instant on Tuesday last I Sent my Paquet by Lt Nathan Whiting to our Agent who Expects a passage in Capt Fones and I Signified to him ye Acts you Sent me about the paper and Desird him to Send it, the Quantity Should have been glad of more Certainly but I Sent for 300 Rheimes, and now mr Green by his Son ye barer informs me that paper is to be had at Boston and that it will take up at Least 400 and if it be So you may procure 50 more and Set the printer to work nay 100 will be no wast if 400 be needfull wch you may do by your Self or mr Green or any other Safe hand. he has brôt an act for establishing fees but no Declaration of ye Sort of money it Shall be paid in, which I fear will work Confusion. I admire how it Came out in Such form, it Seems to me to be a mistake. A vote was passed all Should be in Proclamation money but no Such thing is mentioned in ye Act.

Massachusetts Assembly have Considered our Act about the Townships and Refuse any Complyance with ours and answer pretty Smartly and if any mischief happens uppon it that we are agressors and I Suspect too much of truth in it, but I must send to ye Dept Govr and mr Secryt for materials to State ye Case upon to our Agent, and must Ask ye Advice of ye D Govr upon it and if it Cant be Compleated before I can have ye advice of ye Assembly Should not be Sorry, Govr Shirley has Appointed a meeting with the Penobscutt and Norrigewalk Indians at Falmouth and Comrs from Massechusetts New Hampshire & Annapolis on ye 25th of September to make peace with ye Indians and would have Comrs from hence also, I remember we were Desired by Lt Govr Phyps to Proclaim warr against those Indians as they Did, but did not think it proper, we Comply with ye Genl Peace order'd by his Majesty. Our Agent on ye 15th of April Informs me that he has So Succeeded in his petition as to Suppress the two last Paragraphs in ye Bill in relation to us and is to be heard on ye whole Bill by

a Com^{tee} of the Parliment and is mov^{d} by the Massechusetts to Joyn with them to move against all Bills of Credit in all ye Plantations but Cant Comply without Leave, and that a motion for Creating Bishops in the Plantations, he Gave ye Alarm to ye Dissenters there and he & Dr Avery Representing them has put a Stop to it for the present.

Govr Shirley for his Reasons for abatements has Sent me an Extract of his Letter to ye D of Bedford wch represents ye furlow as all his Reasons for it wch I have Sent home

but I must break off the Express waiting and Subscribe

Your Humble Servant

JONTH LAW

Co^{ll} TRUMBLE

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll^{l} Trumble Esqr July 14th 1749

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR July 17th 1749

S^{r}

Mr Levit Who brings you this is urgent with mee to write to your Hon^{r} Respecting the line between us and the Massachusetts that matter being left Wholly with your Hon^{r} I Would have put it off but upon his Importunity have yielded to it

If I Remember well the act of our Assembly is that if they do Not Join in with Com^{rs} you send the Case home &c; I understand they have not Apointed Com^{rs} but are on a designe to have the former Agreement Confirmed by the King before we know any thing of such a Motion. I think the Motion made to them by our Assembly was very fair and that we Inferred an Answer rather Than an Endeavor to surprize us and that in this Case your Hon^{r} may well Consider if the act of our Assembly be not a full Direction to you to prevent it by Informing the Agent what state this Case is in and and our Danger of being surprized by such a motion from them and thereupon to Instruct him that if

any such motion should be made to opose it and pray that we may have time untill we Can fully state the Case before His Majesie this is the more reasonable to be Granted because our unpreparedness at present proceeds from our Waiting upon them for an Amicable setlement of the line between us according to Right

by a Letter this day Recd from Mr Walley I am informed that their Assembly has returned their Thanks to Dr Averie and Mr Palmer for their preventing a designe to put these Desenting Collonys into a Bishoprick: this designe he tells mee was Cett on foot by some restles Chhmen in this Collony and that of the Massathusetts and your Honr knows best what reflections to make upon it in your Letters to the Agent your Honr Will not suffer my freedome in writting to Cause mee to Loose the pleasure of being Esteemed

Your Very Humble Sert

ROGER WOLCOTT

To Jonath Law Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honable Jonathan Law Esqr In Milford pr Mr Levit

[Indorsed] D Govr Wolcotts July 17 1749 recd 19

[Sealed with wax bearing an impression of the Wolcott arms.]

NATHANIEL BALSTON & CO. TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston July 22d 1749

May it Please your Honr

Your favour of 11th inst Wee recd wth £400 old tenor for Mr Palmer your agent, and gave our rect therefor to mr Whiting.

Note have Sent sd Palmer Some raw silk to be wro't up in England for your Lady, and hope he will encourage Such an improvement, by his Interest with the Lords of Trade, wch Shall Write him abt In the mean time Wee kindly Salute you and remain

Yor Honrs Most Obedient

Humbe Servts

NATHANL BALSTON & Compe

To His Honr Govr Law

[Superscribed] To His Hon^r JONATHAN LAW Esq Governour of Connetticut ℘ fav: of Mr Whiting
[Indorsed] Balston and Palmer July 22^d 1749 rec^d Augs^t 5

BOSTON July 22^d 1749. Rec^d of the Honble Jon^a Law Esqr Governour of ye Colony of Connecticut, by the hands of Mr Nathan Whiting Four hundred pounds old tenor for a Grant of said Governm^t to Eliak^m Palmer Esqr their agent in May last

NATHAN^L BALSTON & COMP^E

£400 Attornys to s^d Palmer

[Indorsed] Balston & Companies Rec^t for 400^ll

JONATHAN LAW TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

MILFORD July 24 1749

S^r

Of Yours of ye 3^d of June I had the favour, Moving for Com^rs to be sent to Falmouth, which I comunicated to my Com^tee of warr who supposd it could not be done without an Assembly neither was it necessary for us seeing we never proclaimd warr against those Indians as you did, thô movd to it by Govr Phipps And as our Engagements were only by the Kings Proclamation of Warr so we are included in his Proclamation of Peace Wherefore

I deferrd giving any Answer till I had Opportunity to take Advice of the D Govr and Gentlemen above, who are of the same Opinion with my Com^tee here and add that it will be very difficult to call an Assembly at this time

from all which I beg your Excellencies Excuse for my Non-complyance and conclude with my highest Regards

Your Excellencies most
obedient humble Servant
J L

Govr SHIRLEY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Shirley July 24th 1749

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD Augt 2 1749

S^r

Mr Secretary Willys has rec^d a Letter from Mr Lechmere Givieng us the Melancholly News that our Agent Mr Palmer is dead and we hear he dyed the 20th of May after a sickness of Eight Dayes

This un Welcome News has put the Gentle of the Councill that are upon the Auditt under much Concern Lest our Afairs in G Britain which are many and of Great Importance should suffer by it and Especially if Speedy Care be Not taken to fill up that place

we have been Discourseing upon it this day and perswade our selves that your Hon^r already hath or will shortly have a more perfect and formall acc^t of his Death if it be so. your Hon^r also is best knowing the state of our afairs Left in Mr Palmers hand and how pressing the Neccessity is to Apoint an Agent before the Assembly meets in October and hereupon they desire me to recomend it to your Consideration not doubting but that you will do what is best for the Collony all things Considered I am

Your very Humble serv^t

ROGER WOLCOTT

To the Hon^able JON^ATH LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Hon^able JON^ATH LAW Esqr In Milford

[Indorsed] Dep Gov^rs August 2^d 1749

[Sealed with wax bearing impression of the Wolcott arms.]

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL 4th August 1749

Gentlemen.

In consequence of the Agreement between the Crowns of England & Spain, by which it was stipulated that all Hostilities in the American Seas, should cease between the Two Nations, Six weeks after the King of Spain's Accession to the Preliminary Articles on the 28th of June 1748, which

Term consequently expired on the 9th of August following; His Catholick Majesty has been pleased to direct a General Order to be sent to all His Governors, requiring them to make restitution of all English Prizes taken after the said 9th Day of August 1748, as will more fully appear by a Copy of the said General Order, which I herewith transmit to you, authenticated by a Notary Publick; I have His Majesty's Commands to signify His Pleasure to you, that you do give Publick Notice of the said Catholick King's said general Order, to all His Majesty's Trading Subjects under your Government, and likewise that you do assist to the utmost of your Power, all His Majesty's Subjects who may have any Claims on this Occasion.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
BEDFORD

P S You will like wise receive herewith inclosed a Translation of His Catholick Majesty's general Order to His Governors.

Govr & Co of Connecticut.

[Indorsed by Law] Duplicate of D of Bedfords of Augst 4 1749

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LondN Augst ye 8th 1749

Sr

I have ye favr of yor Honrs Lettr of ye 25th of July ult. which is before me and have to say, that upon perusing all ye Acts of Parliament which Respect Greenwich Hospital (that I Can a present Come at) I find nothing to accrue to that Hospital upon Prizes made either at Home or in the Plantations, Except where Persons have Deseerted His majestys Service or have not made Legal Demand off the Agents Impowerd to Sell Prizes for any Company of Captors, within three years, and in these two Cases the Right or Share of Such Person goes to the benefit of Greenwich Hospll by Act of P. in ye 17th year of the Reign of G. ye 2d.

If I Remember right, in all Seisures for illic^{t} Trade one third part of what is Condemnd in admarality innures to ye Govern^{r}. how it is in Prizes taken from an Enemy by any Books, or Acts of Parliament that I have, I Can't find; but sincerly wish yor Hon^{r} the advantage of Every pirquisite and shall ever give my service when need^{d} Yo^{r} Hon^{r} soon after what you Subjoynd to yor Lett^{rs} to me found the sorrowfull News bro't by yor Neigh^{brs} but too true; with Every well wisher to our Interest I Lament the Loss, at a Juncture so Critical, at a time when so great a part of our Interest was Committed & ab^{t} to be Committed to His agency.

I wish We may be early Enô in our application for Commiss^{rs} Respecting ye Coloney Line, am aware there is Danger of Boston anticipating of us, and the more so for that I hear Govr Shirley is going Hom[ ] very Soon if not gone

I am sorry the Printing of our New Body of Laws is like to be Retarded Longer Mr Green tells me that the Paper is but now Sent, or sending for to our Late Agent sometimes a penny Saved — not always. the Body of ye People seem Exceeding Solicitous to have the Books out.

I am with greatest Esteam & Duty to yor Hon^{r} and tend^{r} of hum^{le} Service to yor Lady

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} most obliged
Hum^{le} Servt
JER. MILLER

To Govr Law
[Indorsed] Jer: Miller Esqr Augst 5, 1749 rec^{d} 8th

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

Milford August 8 1749

S^{r}

By ye Act of 7th & 8th of W. 3^{d} Prizes and fforfeitures are [ ] divided one third part to his Maj^{ty} one third to the [ ] Govr of the Plantation the other 3^{d} to the prosecutor. The Naval Officer is the Gov^{rs} Officer for

whom he is made accountable and I suppose this is the Reason why goods Seizd are putt into the hands of ye Collector, the Naval Officer and the Captain but since the King hath given his third part of the Prizes to the Captors who are the Owners and the men the Owner in this Case att New London are the Gov^t^ since also some part is given to Greenwich Hospital which occasioned the D of Bedford to write to me as I signifyd to you by my last

Now S^r^ unless I shall find my self in a Mistake I shall insist upon it and I desire you to take Care of that Affair. Mr Belcher as I signifyd to you before (Govr Shirleys Naval Officer) payd Govr Shirley 5000^ll^ for his part of ye fforfeitures &c the last year

Please to inform Coll^l^ Saltonstall That by a Letter from his Hon^r^ the D Govr I was informd that the Gentlemen on the Audit having an Acc^t^ of the death of our Agent thôt it necessary to call an Assembly for[ ]with to fill up that Vacancy many things of Consequence to us remaining att Home. but I having rec^d^ a Letter from Mr Palmers Execut^rs^ (of which they were not acquainted) an Extract of which I here relate Viz Meantime we hope the Affairs of the Colony will not suffer fo[ ] want of appointment of another Agent as no money will be paid by the Parliament till next year. I have not thôt yet, that it is expedient to call an Assembly, having also wrote to our late Agent with respect to the four Towns lying within our Line to delay any Motion that should be made by ye Massathusetts for his Maj^tis^ Confirmation of ye Agreement of 1713 with Copies of our Act in May and of the Answer of the Massathusetts intimating also The impossibility of our giving Authority over any people out of their Charter thô within ours, which I hope will be taken Notice of and be considered till we can make further preparations for our Petition for Com^rs^ to run and ascertain the Dividend Line, of which Coll^l^ Saltonstall may take some Opportunity to acquaint Coll^l^ Trumble so remaining

Your faithfull ffriend

and very humble Servant I Subscribe

JON^TH^ LAW

[ ] MILLER Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

MILFORD August [ ] 1749

Sr

I give you thanks for yours by the Last post and your good Will to me signifyd there in and I dont understand the french Vessell brôt into new london was taken as a Prize from an enemy but condemnd for illicit trade otherwayes I suppose the Vessell had been Condemnd then the Consequence will be plain

Coll^l Trumble informd me he could not procure so much as 50 Rheams att Boston and desird me to send to our Agent which will be as expeditious as any other method accordingly I wrote to him for 300 after which Mr Green by his son informd me that 5 or 600 Rheams might be had att Boston on which I wrote by him to Coll^l Trumble either by himself Mr Green or some other safe hand to procure 50 or 100 Rheams that Mr Green might be at work the money being in the Coll^ls hands about other maters I gave you an hint in my last and have nothing further to add but Service and good will from

Your hmble Servant

JON LAW

JER MILLER Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Miller Augst 15th 1749

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LONDN Augst ye 17th 1749

Sr

Your Honrs Letter of ye 8th Instant Came safe to Hand, but believe (thrô multiplicity of bisiness) yor Honr omitted to Subscribe to it. Since my Last in Answer to yor Honrs of ye 25th of July Ult. I have got the Last Edition of ye Book of Rates from the Reign of Charles ye 2d Down to Geo. ye 2d, this which Should Contain all Acts of Traide (touching the Plantations Especially) and is by the Commissionrs of ye Customs sent to all Collectors of Customs, this I've peruis'd thrô Even Leaf by Leaf, but have not bin so happy as to find any Act there which Entitles Governrs to

part of Prizes taken from a Declar'd Enemy in time of War.

the Act pointed to by yor Honr of the 7th & 8th of Wm ye 3d I Can't get a Sight off; perhaps that may Intend Seizures & forfeitures in Cases of Illicit Traide; and not Captures from the Enemy, adjudg'd so by Court of Admarty and Decree'd to Owners, & Captors as in ye Case aluded to.

Where His Majesty hath Erected a Custom House there ye Acts of Parliamt Require a N. Officr and (in Absence of a Comptrolr) He wth ye Collr is Requird to take Charge of Such prizes as may be brôt in, to Secure and hold to Tryal; but not after Decree; I apprehend ye N. Officr is Jack ——— and that it becomes His Duty only by Accident in Such Case

Yor Honr in yor Lettr of yr 25th of July Last Directs me to inform wht accrues to the Governr and in virtue of what that becomes so. I have no Copy of my answer to that Lettr by me, so Can't now Recollect any thing that I wrote yor Honr abt it, but suppose I was then at a Loss, and so it is wth me Still, I've taken all possable pains to get ye Acts of Parliamt in Like Cases and have advisd wth Men of Sence (none but what I knew to be yr Honrs Friends) and all Looks as thô ye Case wch yor Honr Refers to is Different from a Seizure; had I thought it so i e a Seizure I should gladly have Received yor Honrs Instructions & Commd and Readily have pursu'd and Executed ym and as the Case now Stands, what Ever yor Honr shall please to Direct, and point out to me in ye Affair, I shall undertake with ye greatest pleasure, & I trust Execute in all faithfullness.

I believe it best that a Special Assembly has not been Calld, Since ye Stated one is at hand; a great Charge is prevented & I apprehend we shall Suffer in no point unless the Massachusets prevent us in our Applications Home Respecting ye Line. I've Communicated to Coll Saltonstall wht yor Honr orderd in yor Last

My best Wishes Attend yor Honr and Lady who am
yor Honrs & Her
very Humle Servt
JER. MILLER

To Govr Law

[Indorsed] Esqr Millers of Augt 17 1749 recd 18

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston August 21. 1749

Sir,

Mr Moulton is a Messenger sent hither by his Excellency Govr Wentworth, for the apprehending one Humphry Pooler of Dover in New Hampshire, who is suspected to be concerned in the Villanous Letters sent to Jotham Odiorne Esqr of that Province, demanding a Sum of Money, and threatning Destruction to his Person & Estate in Case of Refusal; Which Pooler has made his Escape out of that Province: And as I can get no Intelligence of him in this Province, and as he may be somewhere in your Government, I do hereby at the desire of Govr Wentworth request your Honour to assist the sd Moulton or other Person that may be sent on this Affair that every thing may be done for discovering & apprehending the said Pooler, if he may be found within your Colony. It will be of singular Advantage to all the Colonies, now this kind of enormous Wickedness is broke out among us, to have some of the Actors made a publick Example for the deterring of others.

I am sir, Your Honour's most
obedient, Humble servt,
W SHIRLEY

The honble Jonathan Law Esqr
[Indorsed] Govr Shirley's Augst 21 1749 recd 25

THOMAS HILL TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Whitehall, August 28th 1749.

Gentlemen,

Two Acts having been passed in the last Session of Parliament, wherein the British Plantations are concerned, vizt

An Act for encouraging the People known by the Name of Unitas Fratrum, or United Brethren to settle in His Majesty's Colonies in America;

An Act for the further Encouragement and Enlargement of the Whale Fishery, and for continuing such Laws

as are therein mentioned relating thereto; And for the Naturalization of such Foreign Protestants, as shall serve for the time therein mentioned, on board such Ships as shall be fitted out for the Said Fishery;

I am directed by my Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to send you the inclosed Printed Copies of them, for your Information and Government in the several Matters therein contained. I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

THO^S HILL

Govr & Company of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] Thomas Hills Letter to Govr and Company Aug^st 28 1749 rec^d Novb^r

JONATHAN BELCHER TO JONATHAN LAW.

May It please your Honour

S^r

I think I did my Self, the pleasure of writing you, pretty early, from hence, in Answer, to your kind Congratulation, upon my Arrival, in this Countrey

I take the Opportunity, by my Son, and my worthy Nephew Mr Foye, to Share with your Honour, and with the good People, under your care, on the death, of your late worthy Agent Mr Palmer, and at a time, When his good knowledge, and Interest, are so much wanted, for the Service, of the Colony of Connecticut, at the Court, of great Britain; And this vacancy, I Suppose, your Assembly, will fill up, at their Meeting, the beginning, of Next Month, As I am one half of Me, a Connecticut Man, and have always had a Natural love, and care, for your People, I take the freedom, of Mentioning to you, my Brother in Law Richard Partridge Esqr, of London, to be imployed, in the Affairs, of your Colony, at White hall.

He is a Gentleman of great Vertue good Capacity indefatigable Finds easy Access, to the Kings Ministers And

has a long, and usefull Acquaintance at all the publick Offices.

He has been for many years Agent, For the Colonie of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Rhoade Island

And to whom, he has discharged his Trust, with much fidelity, and Success, and at this day, Stands in high honour, and Eteem, with them all, and upon his being Chosen, I will give my Letters, to Such persons, of distinction at White-hall, As I have the honour, to be known to, thereby to render him, Still more capable, of Serving his Imployers.

May God, of his infinite mercy, in Jesus Christ Still lengthen out, your Usefull Life, (free from pain & Sickness) to his own Glory, to the good of His People, and to the Satisfaction, of your own Soul, in the last and awfull hour, when May you hear your Lord and Master Saying to you; "well done, good and faithfull Servant, Thou hast Been Faithfull Over a few things I will make the Rule over many things enter thou into the joye of thy Lord." Amen

I am Sr Your Honours Most Obedient &
Most Humble Servt
J BELCHER

BURLINGTON (N J) September 6. 1749
Governour LAW

NATHANIEL BALSTON & CO. TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON, Sept 11, 1749.

May it please Your Honour

We Recvd Your Favour of the 25 July Past, with an Enclosed Packett to Esqr Palmer Your Agent, which have forwarded to his Executors in London, from whom have lately had an Account of the Death of said Gentn and heartily Condole wth You, for the Loss Your Colony has Sustained thereby, who was very indefatigable in serving its interest, and doubt not they will make his Family an Ample Reward for his great Pains in procuring a Grant for the Money for taking Cape Breton, & doubt not Your Hon-

our will lay it before the General Court at ther next meeting for their Consider^{n}

In the mean time we salute You & Remain

Your Honours

most obed^{t} & hum^{l} Serv^{ts}

NATHAN^{L} BALSTON & COMP^{Y}

To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esq Govr of the Colony of Connecticutt In Milford

[Indorsed] Mess^{ers} Balston and Comp Sept 11th rec^{d} 15th 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER'S EXECUTORS.

NEW HAVEN Oct^{o} 1749

Gentlemen

Enclosed you have the Act of The Assembly of The Colony of Connecticutt, desiring you to Deliver All The papers in your Hands respecting the Affairs of this Colony, into the hands of Doc^{t} Benj^{a} Avery, who is appointed our Agent; and to whom therefore you will doubtless deliver them.

I heartily condole with you the loss of our very worthy friend & Valuable Agent Eliakim Palmer Esqr whose care and diligence in the affairs of this Colony hath been always very gratefully accepted; and you will please to forward his account with the Colony, & what shall be found due to Mr Palmer's Estate will be punctually discharged: and if the paper mentioned in my Letter 10th July 1749, be sent, due care will be taken to make payment therefor. I Am

Gentlemen

Your Obedient

Copia

Hum^{e} Servant

J. LAW

this need not be Recorded

The Executors of ELIAKIM PALMER Esq Deceased.

[Indorsed] Copies of Letters to D of Bedford and Ex^{rs} of Eliakim Palmer Octob^{r} 27 1749

JONATHAN LAW TO DUKE OF BEDFORD.

NEW HAVEN Octo 1749

My Lord Duke

I am desired by the Govr & Company of the English Colony of Connecticutt in New England in America to express the very gratefull sense, they have of his Majesty's good pleasure in the appointment of your Grace to the Secretary of State, and that the Southern district is assigned to your care: I am also to inform that Your's 16th decemr 1748 came to hand, & due Aid & Assistance will be readily afforded to such Person or Persons as are appointed by the Treasurer of the royal Hospitall at Greenwich to recover the unclaimed shares of prizes due to said hospital within our Government.

And to your Letter 19th July 1749, directing that an Account be prepared of Tenour & Amount of the Bills of Credit created & Issued by this Colony, and the Time fixed for the sinking & discharging them, & the funds appropriated for that purpose, I have to inform that the General Assembly of the said Colony in compliance therewith have a Comitee to prepare the Account required In said Letter, which shall be forwarded as soon as the Same may be perfected: I have further to inform That The said Assembly at their sessions in May last did make provisions for the sinking & discharging the outstanding Bills of Credit of This Colony in a much shorter time than was fixed by the Acts of Assembly at the time of their Emission and Enclosed are the said Act made & passed in May last, & an Additional Act of Assembly made & passed this instant October — by Which the outstanding Bills of Credit of this Colony, may be fully sunk & Discharged.*

I am Your Grace's
most Obedient Humble Servant
J LAW

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[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to D of Be[ ] and Mr Palmers Exrs

* These Acts are found in the Colonial Records IX, 447, 474. The money granted or which may be granted by Parliament towards reimbursing the Colony's expenses for the Cape Breton expedition, and the intended expedition against Canada, is appropriated for calling in the bills of credit, and further taxes for the same purpose are laid.

EPHRAIM WILLIAMS* TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

Honourable Sir

The Surprising tydings of your designed Voyage to Great Brittain has Just reach^{d} me, May the presence of the great Jehovah go with you, preserve prosper protect & Bless you in all your Lawfull & Laudable undertakings. Perhaps Divine Providence may be opening a Door for your Serving the Cause and Kingdom of the Exalted Redeemer beyond our tho^{ts} or short views. you are not a Stranger to the Scheem the Late dear and decest Mr Sergeant has proposd and with unweried applycation pursued: in order to Civilise & Christianise the Poor Heathen: in our Borders as well as those here for whose best Intrests he Labourd night and day to the last and dy^{d} desiring us who Survive to promote the Same good Cause to our utmost the truly affecting Joyfull pious and Incouraging letter which m^{r} Serg^{t} received the very weak on which he was Seiz^{d} with his last Illness from the Excellent Chatholick & Reverend Dr Ascough ministred abundant Comfort & hope to him that God would find meens and Instruments to Carry on his began work amonge the poor Indians who are yet without God and without Hope: but allass m^{r} Serg^{ts} tho^{ts} for them are perrisht and I may without vanity I believe add they have lost the best friend they had on Earth: but I know God lives for ever: and can bring his own purposes of mercy & good will to men to pass in Spight of all the oppossion that Either Earth or Hell Can make against it the Rev^{d} & pious m^{r} Hollis has distinguishingly exerted himself and manifested a truly Christian and Generous Soul in what he has done and is Still doing for the poor Indian Children: and that is the most likely Scheem to Cultivate &

* Col. Ephraim Williams, whose son of the same name was later the founder of Williams College, removed with his family in 1737 from Newton to Stockbridge: his being one of the four English families designated by the Provincial government of Massachusetts to settle in that place, in aid of the mission to the Stockbridge Indians which had been commenced there by the Rev. John Sergeant in 1735. Sergeant learned the Indian language and continued in the mission work until his death July 27, 1749. His wife was Col. Williams' daughter. Dr. Ascough was Rev. Francis Ayscough D.D., sometime preceptor to George III before his accession. Mr. Hollis was Rev. Isaac Hollis of London.

Spread Christian knowledge and good manners to the distant Tribes but one thing is yet wanting in order to make it effectuall: viz to have an equal number of female Children brought up and instructed in the Same House: under a sutable governess: m^{r} Serg^{t}, had life been Spard would have used all proper measures to have effected it. the Boys make good profficiency under there pressent tutor who appears well quallifyd & Spirrited to Serve the Cause to his utmost: your knowledge of the Gentl^{n} renders it needless for me to add on his behalf: I wish he may be well incourag^{d} and now Sr my ernest desire is you would be pleas^{d} to wait on the before-mentioned Gentle^{n} and informe them fully of the State of the Case at this day perhaps thereby you may be Instrumentall of laying a foundation of unknown good to future posterrity of the poor Ignorant natives: the Commissioners I Conclude will Settle another Missionary So Soon as they Can find a Sutable person for that Service but unless they are inabled to give him a better Support than m^{r} Serg^{t} had he Cannot Subsist: for m^{r} Serg^{t} had not half anough to Support himself & family. and the income of what Estate he has left is not half Sufficient to maintain and bring up his poor Children: but I hope and believe God will provide for them to whome they have been early devoted and who has graciously prommised to be a father to the fatherles and a God and Husband to the widow: I am perswaded that Dr Ascough is a Gentle^{n} so pious and Sincerely Concernd for the good of poor dark perrishing Souls that he will exert his utmost abbilities and Influence to promote the most likely measures to Spread Christian knowledge farr and widde And his being by Providence Seated so near the throne may give him a vast advantage to promote the good worke here which m^{r} Serg^{ts} Heart was So much ingag^{d} in and in which God had so far Suckceeded and prospered him. there is at present a prospect of some of the mohawk Children being Sent to this School and many other Indian Children are now offering themselves and the girls I before mentind may easely be found: all that seems at present wanting is a fund to Support it may

a mercifull God incline and dispose those who have abbillity to Consecrate in this so Laudable and pious way Some part of their Substance to the Lord of the whole Earth if God give oppertunity please to let these Reverend and worthy Gent^en^ know in what Relation I stood to the Deceast and that together with my most dutifull regards I do in behalfe of the Deceast return them ten thousand thanks for what they have done towards the incouraging and promoting the Gospelising the poor native in this wilderness. particularly inform the good D^r^ that m^r^ Serg^t^ put up some of his very last Publick requests to God (in the most ardent maner) for his Blessing on him his family & on his Royal Master:— I pray God Say Amen to them — and now S^r^ for a Close to these lines wrote in the utmost Hurry being Just Come off my Jorney to the Jerseys and fearing you may be gon ere they reach you shall only add my Respects to your self & Spouse with Love to yours.

Sincearely praying and hopeing you may (by the will of God) have a Prosperous Voyage and Safe return in due time

your affectionate Kinsman & most Hum^bl^ Servt
EPH^M^ WILLIAMS

STOCKBRIDGE Octo^br^ 24 1749
Co^ll^ WILLIAMS

JONATHAN LAW TO BENJAMIN AVERY.

NEW HAVEN Octr 27 1749

Sir

On the Malancholy News of the Death of our very worthy Friend, & late Agent Eliakim Palmer Esq The Governour and Company of the Colony of Connecticutt, in the present General Assembly, have unanimously made choice of Yourself to be Agent for this Colony in his room: Which trust we encourage ourselves you will Accept, from the friendly disposition & readiness you have always expressed to serve our Interest & to afford your assistance to Mr Palmer in our affairs, which we very gratefully Ac-

knowledge, and especially *you will find by an Act of This Assembly enclosed*, We acknowledge The Care you expressed for This & other Colonys in America *by the concern you have shown for our religious Interest* in an affair so Important as that of putting a stop to The Sending a Bishop among us.

I have inclosed the Acts of the Assembly of this Colony appointing you to the General Agency, & special Appointments to receive the Allowances of money granted for reimbursing the expences of this Colony in taking & Securing Cape Breton; & what may be made for our expences in the late intended expedition against Canada: with proper Instruments of Procuration made out accordingly, & I have enclosed duplicates of the two last agreable to intimations from Mr Palmer, that they might be needed.

The Allowances of Money that are or may be granted for the reimbursments aforesaid you will find fully Appropriated for the calling in & Sinking the now outstanding bills of Credit of this Colony; & The Act for that purpose made & past in May last, with the Additional Act of this Assembly is inclosed: And now I am on the Head of our paper currency, would observe to you that his Grace The Duke of Bedford hath Signified his Majesty's pleasure, That this Colony should order Accounts to be Sent him of The tenour and Amount of all the bills of Credit which have been Created & issued by this Colony; with the times fixed for the calling in, & sinking them & the funds appropriated for that purpose; and Accordingly a Comittee is appointed to prepare the same, & I am desired to inform his Grace thereof, & that with all convenient speed it will be prepared & Sent; but in the mean time we hope that the method proposed in the last mentioned Act will Sink & discharge our now outstanding bills of Credit much sooner than the times fixed for that purpose & the funds before laid will do it; & Accordingly have enclosed a Letter to his Grace to that purpose, which you will please to deliver. I have likewise enclosed the order of this Assembly to the Executors of Elikiam Palmer Esq. to deliver into your

hands all the papers and Letters &c belonging to the Colony now in their Hands: by which you will be informed in the general State of our Affairs. The Accounts of the expences of this Colony in the taking & Securing Cape Breton; & in the intended expedition against Canada you will find in the hands of Mr Palmer's Executors; & by my Letters of the 10th of July 1749 to Mr Palmer, which I presume are come to said Executors hands, you will find what information was given him with respect to Several Affairs then lying before him; & You will therein find the Directions given him respecting the Regiment raised in this Colony in the late intended expedition against Canada, whose Interest we are desirous to have promoted. And in my Letter of The 21st of July 1749 You'l see what difficulty hath arisen between this Colony & The Province of the Massachusetts-Bay respecting the Inhabitants of Woodstock Suffield, Enfield & Sumers who claim to be within this Colony; and you will please to pursue the Directions given in that Letter, and prevent any proceedings of the Province of The Massachusetts-Bay to get the Establishment of any former Agreements that have been made, without our being Noticed & heard thereon.

Mr Sharp hath been improved in the business of this Colony, and hath Served us to Acceptance, & you will probably improve him further, & from him you will get information of some of our Affairs, & find some of our papers in his hands.

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Dr Avery Octobr 27 1749

By my Letter of July 10th 1749 to Esqr Palmer you will see the State of the Canada Regiment and what pains has been taken in their favour however Mr Elisha Williams Coll[l] of ye Regiment and Mr Sam[l] Talcott Lieut Coll[l] are coming over to look after that Affair and some other business and desire to be recomended to your favour and I make no doubt of your affording them the best Advice and Assistance for obtaining their just dues as Esqr Palmer in his day did. and shall alwayes acknowledge kindness in any other matter

which may ly in your way to do to y^r Advantage

I have heretofore desired Esqr Palmer to return my hearty thanks for your good Advice to Moderation when Difficulties were among us ab^t our Religious Affairs and never having any hint from him of his receiving it I suspect it miscarryd by the way as many other things did in the time of Warr I now make mention of it and pray you to accept it from your humble obedient Servant

JON^TH LAW

MILFORD Nov^br 16–1749

P S Sr

Leu^t Coll^l Talcott after the Close of my preceeding Letter having obtaind the favour of ye Assembly for drawing four hundred pounds Sterling of the money which they hoped would soon come into your hands on Conditions therein mentioned sends to me for Bills of Exchange on you for it which pursuant to the Act of Assembly I have signd three Bills for the s^d four hundred pounds which you will favour him with so soon as it comes into your hands. and Coll^l Williams being already gone with my Packett I now send by Mr Talcott a Duplicate of ye same.

J LAW

SPENCER PHIPS TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON Novem^r 3. 1749.

Sir,

I am informed that his Excellency Govern^r Shirley had settled an Agreement with the Governor of Canada (so far as related to this Governm^t) That the Charge of transporting English Prisoners should be defrayed by the English Governm^t and the Charge of transporting French Prisoners by their Government; And that upon his Excellencys informing the Goverenors of the Neighbouring Colonies, the most of them had signified their Approbation of this Method; I am likewise informed That in the Year 1746, there were brought into this Province in a Flag of Truce, sent by the Governor of Canada, called Le Vierge de Grace a great Number of English Captives, some of them being Europeans, but the most of them belonging to the English

Provinces & Colonies in America; & that about the same time his Excellency had sent a Flag of Truce to Canada with French Prisoners at the Expence of this Governmt. And that his Excellency sent circular Letters to the Governors of the English Colonies afore mentioned (with Lists of the several Prisoners belonging to their respective Governmts) wherein he informed them that as soon as the Accompts of the Charges of the Flags of Truce, & the proportions of the several English Governments thereunto were adjusted, he would send them to the said Governrs that so they might reimburse the Governor of Canada what Charges he had been at for transporting the English Prisoners belonging to their Governmts. Soon after this, the Court House in Boston was burnt, & therein all the Papers relating to the Fitting out of the French Flag of Truce, Which made it necessary that those Accompts should be had from Canada in Order to state the particular Part each of the English Governmts ought to bear to the Charge of transporting their Prisoners; And I find the said Accompts were sent here a little before Governr Shirleys Departure; And an Accompt has been stated between Governor Shirley & the Governor of Canada, & sent to Quebeck by a Person now there sent for the Redemption of Captives; And the Governr of Canada has been assured that all possible Care should be taken for recovering from each Governmt their Proportion of the Charge. I shall now send your Honour a Copy of the Accompts; By which you will perceive that the Number of Persons belonging to your Governmt is Two and the Proportion of the Charge is Fifty Eight Pounds two Shillings & nine pence Which I must pray your Honour would cause to be paid into my Hands as soon as may be; And the same shall be remitted to the Governr of Canada: And I doubt not of your more ready Compliance when you consider (as appears by the Accompt) that this Province will be obliged to pay in proportion beyond any other Governmt as the greatest Part of the Charge of the Europeans & other uncertain Persons both in this Vessel & an other sent to Louisbourgh will fall upon them

S PHIPS

The Honble Governr Laws

CHARGE OF THE SHIP LA VIERGE DE GRACE.

The Charge of the Ship La Vierge de Grace amounted as appears by the Contract to 10000 Livres each Livre being valued at Ten Shillings of the Currency of New England makes the sum of £5000

The Proportion of each Concern or Interest in said £5000 is as follows

59	Massachusetts Bay	£2180 : 4 : 8
16	the same taken at Nova Scotia	
75		
29	New York	843 : 0 : 5
6	New Hampshire	174 : 8 : 5
6	Pensilvania	174 : 8 : 5
6	Rhode Island	174 : 8 : 5
2	Connecticutt	58 : 2 : 9
2	New Jersey	58 : 2 : 9
1	Bermudas	29 : 1 : 5
1	Annapolis Royal	29 : 1 : 5
1	Shirley Galley	29 : 1 : 5
9	Maryland	319 :15 : 4
17	Europeans	494 : 2 : 8
11	Taken in Nova Scotia	261 :12 : 6
6	Uncertain	174 : 8 : 5
172		5000 :— :—

Boston New England Septem^r 12th 1749

℣ J^o Wheelwright Comiss^ry General

[Indorsed by Law] an Acc^t of the Charge of our Prisoners from Canada

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS.

Milford Novb^r 14 1749

S^r

Yours of the 3^d Instant I rec^d on the 10th That you may have a clear view of the State of the Affair you wrote of I have inclosed a Copy of mine to Govr Shirley on the 26th of

August 1747. I never having received any thing from him concerning that matter I concluded the Ballance was in our favour thô he mistook ye number of Prisoners belonging to us which would have made our part of ye charge one third more than it really was. I informd the Gentlemen of our northern Council of Warr and as I remember they told me that on ye Request of Govr Shirley they lodged a considerable Quantity of Provisions in your Nor Western Frontiers on the promise of Govr Shirley to pay for it. I do not remember the amount of it. shall take the first Opportunity to learn the certainty of it, and shall then take speedy Care to send you the money if the Ballance shall turn out in your favour and shall expect you will do me the same Justice in Case your Gov^t shall appear to be in Arrears with ours

The Answer of our last Assembly to yours about the four contending Towns I presume will reach your hands before these Lines and since one ancient way of deciding Titles of land of later times is become obsolete I would hope every ones prudence will direct to a forbearance of reviving an antiquated Customary way of tryal and as for any other method It seems to me your Loss of them will be less than your Expence in retaining them neither shall we see our Acc^t in recovering them but the giving so clear Demonstrations of y^r Situation being Southward of your Charter Line and that ours is bounded North on yours we would not expose our selves by denying them the Justice to them belonging and althô the lower House did admitt Deputies from Woodstock yet the upper House did not think it a proper Season for them to concur in appointing Justices and thôt it enough to limit or rather extend Hartford and Windham Counties to the Colony Line and now in Assurance of my hearty desire of a good Harmony between the Gov^ts I take leave to Subscribe

Your humble and obedient Servant

J LAW

Lieu^t Govr Phipps

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Govr Phipps Novr 14th 1749

EXPENSES OF INTENDED EXPEDITION AGAINST CANADA.

Rhode Island

To the Charge of Three Companies consisting of 100 Men each, raised in this Colony for the intended Expedition agst Canada, from the Day of each Officers entering into the Service, or private Soldiers Enlistments comencing in June 1746 to the Day of the discharge of the said Three Companies on the 31st of Octob^{r} 1747.	4,081	9	3
To Cloathing of the said Three Companies.	974	2	8
To Arms & Ammunition of the S^{d} 3 Companies	340	14	5¼
To Provisions for the s^{d} Three Companies when they embarked for Nova Scotia	684	6	¼
To the Hire of Transports taken up to carry the said Detachment to Nova Scotia, and for Sundry Disbursments thereon.	1,339	18	7
To the Wages of a Doctor for the s^{d} 3 Companies	86	13	4
Total paid	7,507	4	3½

New Jersey

To Arms & Accoutrements for Five Companies of 100 Men each raised within this Province for the Service of the intended Expedition agst Canada, (The pay of which said Companies is charged in the New York Account.)	654	16	9

To Cloathing for the said five Companies.	1,624	16	7¾
To Sundry Military Stores.	19	19	4¾
Total	2,299	12	9½
To Sundry Remnants of Cloth, Linnen, and necessaries which remain in the Hands of the Comiss^{nrs} and for which the Colony have given Credit to the Crown	67	14	5½
Remains due	2,231	18	4½

Connecticutt

To the Charge of one Regiment of Foot consisting of Ten Companies of 100 Men each raised in this Colony for the intended Expedition agst Canada from the Day of each Officers entering into the Service, or Private Soldiers Enlistment commencing in June 1746, to the 31st of Octob^{r} following.	5,291	15	3
To Cloathing, Arms, Ammunition and Stores for the said Regiment	5,045	19	10½
To the Wages of a Pilot hired by the s^{d} Colony to pilot the Transports provided for Transporting the Troops to Quebec	259	17	6
Remains due	10,597	12	7¼

N.B. The Regm^{t} raised in the Colony of Connecticutt for the Service of the intended Expedition agst Canada having been permitted to retire to their respective Homes on a general

Furlow on the 31st of Octor 1746 in Consequence of a Resolution of the Assembly of the sd Colony, the pay of the sd Regim is charged in the above Accots to that Day only; a demand is however made for the pay of the sd Regimt until the 31st of Octor 1747 the Day whereon the Troops raised in the Sevl Colonies for that Service were directed to be dismissed (which for the sd last 12 months amounts to £12988 6 2¾) Alledging that the sd Regimt did remain Subject to the Terms of their Enlistment, & ready to be called forth into the Service when required, untill the 31st of Octor 1747 This appearing to be the Case, it is proposed, to allow the half of the sd Pay for the sd last 12 months which will Amount to				6,594	3	1¼
Total remaining due to the Colony of Connecticut				17,191	15	8½
A General Accot of the Sums of the Several Colonies Expence incurred in the intended Expedition agst Canada, which was carried into Parliament. Vizt ———						
Massachusetts				87,434	18	7
of which paid in part	34,689	6	—			
New Hampshire				21,446	10	10½
New York				84,098	8	6
of which paid in part	56,650	1	3			

New Jersey					2,231	18	4½
Connecticutt					17,191	15	8½
Maryland	paid	1,452	11	7	12,338	0	7¾
Pennsylvania	do	2,248	2	11			
Virginia	do	1,130	1	10			
Rhode Island	do	7,507	4	3¾			
		£103,677	7	10¾	£224,741	12	8¾
					103,677	7	10¾
		remaining to be paid			£121,064	4	10

[Indorsed] Acco^t of the Sums of the Several Colonies Expence incurred in the intended* Expedition ag^st Canadä which was Carr^d into Parliament 1750

JONATHAN PARSONS† TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

NEWBURY Jany 8th 1749/50

Very Dear & Hon^rd S^r

The News of your being Ship'd & gone for England was quite Unexpected & very Surprising to me, (tho' I heard three or four Months agoe you talk'd of Such an Undertaking) Because I had Enquired of Justice Griswold who was at my House not long since, & he told me that he thought there was nothing at all in it, I wish God may Give you a prosperous Voyage & Favour in ye Sight of Our Rightful & Gracious Sovereign King George, in all matters that you Shall Spread before him agreeable to Righteousness; & I have no Jealousie that you will ask for any things in your Own or others behalf but what you think so.

* This word has been crossed out.

† Jonathan Parsons, born in 1705, was graduated at Yale in 1729 and soon after began preaching in the First Church in Lyme, Conn., (now Old Lyme). He was ordained over that church in March, 1731, on which occasion he formally renounced the "Saybrook platform" of church government. He became much interested in the preaching of Whitefield and in a revival movement through which many were added to his church. These views led to a disagreement with some of his congregation, and he being of a quick temper asked for his dismissal, which was granted in October, 1745. He removed to Newbury, Mass., where in the following January he organized a Presbyterian church within the limits of other parishes. He became its pastor and remained in that capacity until his death in 1776. *Dexter's Yale Annals.*

As soon as I thought of Writing I long'd to hear of ye particular Circumstances of your Family & friends, that I might Write to you of them, tho' you so lately took your Leave of them, but I could hear nothing in particular tho' Capt. Sheldon of Lyme wrote me a Letter ye 28th of Decr Wherein he Signifies y^t^ it is a General time of Health in those parts.

What Affairs you are Entrusted with to take up your time & Employ your Great Abilities I know not, but I can't think you would so Embarras yourselfe with Business as to take you quite off from Speaking a Word in ye Dear Cause of Liberty of Conscience if a fair Opportunity presented, You have often Espoused it in Connecticut Assemblies, as well as more privately, with Arguments y^t^ can never be answered any other way than by a Majority of Hands. And if need be I persuade my Self y^t^ you will not be Silent upon y^t^ Head now you are on ye Other Side of ye Water.

With these Hopes Hon^rd^ S^r^ I am encouraged & beg leave to lay before you Some few hints of ye Circumstances of a considerable Congregation of Presbyterians in Newbury with whom I am Setled as their Pastor by ye Concurrance of ye Presbytery at Boston, they are a People constantly Harrast by ye Parishes wherein they Dwell on Accompt of Taxes towards ye Support of those Ministers in ye Independent Churches on whose Ministry they cannot attend; & can't get any relief from ye General Court of this Province, tho' they have frequently sought for ye Same, they seem'd very loath to Expose the Conduct of ye Province in Such an Affair, & therefore waited with long Patience & Went often with prayers to ye Assembly; But Since they find no Intreaties will prevail, they have, after seeking to ye Father of Lights for Direction, Unanimously Agreed that Duty to God, themselves & their fellow Sufferers obliged them to prefer an Humble Address to Our Gracious Sovereign imploring ye Interposition of His Wisdom & Authority & to leave the Event with God.

I am Sure you'l allow me to Speak a word or two about ye People Since it is on Such an Occasion, and I have had

more than four years Opportunity to Observe them, They appear, upon this long Acquaintance, to be a kind, well Disposed, peacable people in General, & a great Number of them are in a Judgment of Charity, Solid & Excellent Christians. Some of them ar esteem'd ye most capable Men for Publick Buisness of any in this Great Town, & even their Adversaries thro' Necessity are Glad to make Use of them in ye most Difficult affairs of a Temporall Nature which they meet with; and as to their Religion, they are not among ye Number of those wild frickish People y^t^ are Scatter'd about in some parts of ye Country, but Seem to be as careful to avoid an Apish Sort of Religion as any Congregation that I know. their Withdrawall from ye former places of Publick Worship was more than Seaven Years agoe, & was then & is Still look'd upon Warrantable by Some of ye most Substantial Ministers in Town & Country, as I could easily make appear were it needful. And as to their Temporal Circumstances Some of them are I Suppose as Wealthy as any in Newbury Except Some of ye Church of England: Others are Honest, Industrious People; but Some are poor, & particularly we have many Poor Widows, left so by ye Death of their Husbands in Cape Breton Expedition, perhaps we have more poor Widows than there is in Several of ye Other Congregations in Town put togather; for ye People tell me it appears by ye List that more went from Our Congregation upon that Expedition than from all ye Congregations besides altho' there are Seaven Worshiping Assemblies in all besides Our Church.

These things in General I think represent ye Disposition, Conduct & Temporal Circumstances of ye People. And these People are drest up in Bear Skins & worried by their fellow Creatures, their money is taken from them, Some have their Goods Sold for a Song; their Bodies Drag'd thro' ye Streets & Imprison'd with a "Lie you there 'till you have paid ye uttermost farthing". I don't remember to have met with any instances in ye History of New England Equal to what I have Seen of this nature with my Eyes, Except ye Strange treatment of ye Quakers: And it all

arises from no other Cause than ye Lusts of Men; Unless the Conscientious Scruples of our people (all things Considered) refusing to help their Neighbours Support those Ministers on whose Ministry they never attend may be called a Cause. 'Tis enough to move an heart of Stone to see ones Neighbours, but especially to see Sober, honest & pious friends, Drag'd about upon ye Ground, thrown into Carts or upon Sleds, & hall'd to Prison by fellow Protestants who have no better Claim to Liberty of Conscience than their Oppressed Brethren, If I understand Our Charter! the Usage that I have Seen & ye Language that I have heard at Such Seasons are not fit to be Named among a professing People! my Heart Dreads ye Doleful Consequences that must follow Such things unless God in Mercy prevent.

And can you Hon^rd^ S^r^ hear a Sketch of these things & not Exert your Self in favour of ye Oppressed to ye Utmost of your power, if God Should Give you an opportunity? I am Sure you cannot: I know your Attachment to Liberty too well to think you would not do every thing that appear'd proper to be done by you, upon all Seasonable Opportunities & before all men. I have Stil a greatful Remembrance of your Indefatigable efforts with ye Court in Connecticut for the Libertys of ye People, & Remember ye Thanks which ye Goverment gave you for ye Same. Had Some Gentlemen laid by all prejudice, a great deal of ye Confusions that have arisen about Religion had never been known: they had their Rise from the Unhappy Violences in C——t, & So have Spread into other parts. Will you Dear S^r^; nay, can you forget ye Miserable State that your Mother Country is coming into thro' Oppression meerly from Violences used for Conscien-cious Scruples in Matters of Religion? Now you have Cros'd ye Ocean & are at an higher Board than any here, only look back upon us, & think how many, directly against Charter Priviledges, are Rending their fellow Servants to pieces because they dont see with their Eyes. Have you ye Bowels of a Father & ye Abilities of a Master? Surely ye One will be turned within you, & ye Other you will Make Use of, for ye Relief of Distressed Children! I am per-

suaded that Our Gracious Sovereign ye King has not any Subjects more Dutiful, nor more Strictly Attached to ye House of Hannover than those that are trampled upon in ye Manner that I have related: And if you Should Exert your self in Some proper way for their help, I think, it will be a Clear Evidence of your Approving the Happy Establishment in that Illustrious Family; & Besides there is Reason to hope that you will do more Service for God & your Country by using your Interest & Influence for ye redress of this Evil, while you are Waiting His Majestys pleasure, than you can possibly do in a Neglect. I believe you think that aboundance of that wildness which has prevaild in C——t & Spread from thence has been very much owing to ye Strange proceedings of Some Courts with ye People that were called N: Lights, And there is Danger in this Province, not only on ye one hand, of an Increase of ye like Evils, but on ye other of ye most open & Growing Contempt of all Religion by Multitudes, unless the Lord should help us Respecting ye Article of Liberty, & ye Kings most Excellent Majesty Should be most Graciously pleased to Discharge us from Supporting a Ministry which we think is not Safe, & which we cant in Conscience attend upon.

Therefore I beseech you once more, Hon^rd^ S^r^ for Gods Sake, for Religions Sake, & for ye Sake of ye Peace & happiness of ye People, that you would (as need may call for it) kindly interpose & help us in these Matters, Our Committee have Mentioned you to Mr Partridge who is Agent for Us before the King in Council; & Probably he will Shew you their Letter if you Should have an Inclination to See it.

I Wrote to Dr Avery in ye fall of ye Year & if he Should think it worth while to take notice of us, you will be able to let him know who I am, & what you Apprehend of me, if you think proper, I ask no favour but ye Naked Truth, & that you will Speak if you Say any thing. Herewith I Send you a true Copy of ye Recommendation which Mr Beckwith drew up, & both ye Ministers of Lyme Sign'd it just as I was taking my Leave of those parts & Expected

to go & Preach at Newbury where I am Since Setled. You'l See that ye Recommendation refers to a Council which gave me my Liberation. Perhaps you may See Some Occasion to Improve it, & if not it may lie with other wast paper.

That you may be Continued for a Blessing to ye World, May be Aboundantly Succeeded at ye Court of Great Brittain, find much favour in ye Sight of our Gracious King, & be Returned Safely to your Native Country for a Greater Blessing than ever, Is ye Prayer of Honrd Sr your most Obedient Son & Servt

JONATH PARSONS

P. S. Salute Dr Avery for me & all other Friends.

Yours Ut Supra

Excuse my using a Clerk to write over my Letter from my short hand. The want of Time obligd me to do it.

To Elisha Williams Esqr

[Indorsed] Ansd Augt 11. 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO SPENCER PHIPS.

Milford Janr 13 1749–50

Sr

Having signifyd to you by mine of the 14th of November last in answer to yours of ye 3d of the same That I would endeavour to know the certainty of the Demand this Govt had on yours, and if the Ballance was in your favour I would send the money, accordingly I have sent to the Comtee of warr. And from Coll1 Stanly our present Treasurer who was one of the Comtee of warr I am informd That by Coll1 Wells's account there was sent to victual the Soldiers desird to be sent from this Goverment to garrison Sheffield and Stockbridge thirteen barrills and one third part of a bl of Pork which cost twenty two pounds ℔ barrell

amounting to	293 — 6 — 8
and also 500 wt of bread at 4ll ℔ C	20 — 0 — 0
	313 — 6 — 8

and the Charge of Transportation to Sheffield ab^{t} 100^{ll}	100 — 0 — 0
which he supposeth to be due from your Gov^{t} to ours	413 — 6 — 8
Your Demand on ours is 58 — 2 — 9	58 — 2 — 9
Ballance is	355 — 3 — 11

S^{r} if this Acc^{t} be to your Satisfaction I doubt not of your readiness to do me the same Justice you desire of me otherwayes I will endeavour to give you further Evidence y^{r}of as soon as I can obtain them

Our Bills were issued to purchase these Provisions for your Service and now we are endeavouring to call them in

JONTH LAW

the hon^{ble} Lt Govr PHIPPS

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Lt Govr Phipps Jan^{r} 13th 1749–50 with our Acc^{t} of the provisions sent to the force on Govr Shirlys desire

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

WINDSOR Jan 22 $17\frac{49}{50}$

S^{r}

Mr Wyllys has sent me Mr Willards Letter to give the oportunity to send my Thoughts upon it When the Letter goes forward to you. Your Hon^{rs} Thoughts are Abundanly suficient that he might well have spared Himself and mee the trouble but Judged Mr Wyllys Opinion alwaies has a Weight with mee and having this oportunity Given mee by him you will pardon my giving you the Trouble of this Letter in the Afair

If upon the uncertennty to Which of the Govern^{ts} Springfield will belong it may be lookt upon at present a Neuterall Town I think there is no objection ag^{t} that being a suteable place for the Com^{rs} to meet

As I Remember our Act apoints our Comissioners to meet with theirs Agree upon and run the line and we sent

it them the act did not specially I[ ]ower them to meet and Adjorn the Meeting

They have not sent in their Act Impowering their Comissioners Mr Willards Letter Informs us that they are to Treat with our Comissioners upon the subject matter of the Controversie and agree upon after Meetings. it also Intimates that this meeting of the Comrs is apointed to be the way for Bringing on a setlement by the Comrs instead of a Latterall Corispondence between the two Governts And that they have not the same opinion of the Great thing that was done upon the fifth of Sepr as they have of the Great things that have been done on the fifth of Novr

I Could be very glad if this Controversie Could be well setled between the two Governts without Carrying the Controversie hence to Great Britain and Comissioners apointed to meet and treat about it may be a Good Leading step to a peaceable setlement if Comrs were apointed on each side with Equall powers and Instructions and the present Dificulty appears to mee our Comrs are apointed to meet agree upon and run the line according to the Charters theirs only to Treat upon the subject matter of the Controversie if ours Cant stop short of the bussiness to which they are apointed and theirs Cant step into it the meeting must be of little service

but here I must refer my self to your Honrs superior Thoughts if you find this objection is of no weight tis no matter how soon the Comrs meet if otherwise I submit it to mention it to them and to desire a Copy of their act Impowering their Comissioners that so we may see whither they have the like powers with the Comrs on our part if not that measures may be taken on both sides to Give their Comrs powers alike and signify to them that we have no Indisposition to treat with them by Comrs on the subject matter of the Controversie

I have this winter suffered much by a painfull Distemper but seem now to be Growing better the Lord prepare mee to do or suffer as he shall he shall think best

Accept my service for yourself and Madame Law who am

your Very Humble servt

ROGER WOLCOTT

To the Honable JONATHN LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honable JONATHAN LAW Esqr In Milford

[Indorsed] D Govr Wolcotts Letter Janr 22d 1749–50

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

St James's Street Febry 12th 1749.

Sir,

I am favour'd with your letter of the 8th Instant, & have as you desire, recommended Mr Kellog for the Pilot's Pay, wh your Government contracted with him for, & the Lords of Trade &c will report in favour of it.

As to the Case of your late Regiment's Pay, I must observe to you. That the Trust of adjusting & liquidating the Accompts of the American Expences incurr'd on Acct of the late intended Expedition agt Canada, was committed to Mr Knowles & me jointly; that he was of Opinion it was our Duty to state the particular case of your late Regiment, as to the Pay of it, from the time of the whole Corps being dismiss'd to their respective homes, "untill they should have his Majesty's Orders for mustering again", for his Majesty's own Determination; & a concealment of the special Circumstances of it by me would have been a Breach of Trust, & was absolutely out of my Option & Power. that the case was stated by me in the most favourable light for the Officers and Soldiers, the former of wch I recommended in the strongest manner I could for whole Pay to 31st of October 1747, & the latter to some Pay at least to the same time; thô: I was under no Necessity of giving my Opinion either way: That I have endeavour'd in my Attendance upon the Lords Commissioners of Trade, Paymaster General, & Secretary at Warr to promote at the

Board what I recommended in my State of the Case from Boston; & their Lordships had, before your Arrival here, in their Report rested the Matter for the Consideration of the Lords of Treasury upon that State of it, with my Opinion set forth at large in favour of the Allowance of Pay recommended by me to 'em: That upon hearing of your Arrival & Design to put in a Memorial to the Lords of Trade &c upon the case of your Regiment, I sent for you, inform'd you of what I apprehended were the essential Circumstances for you to urge in favour of it, & offer'd to prepare & settle your Memorial in the most advantageous Manner for the Officers & Soldiers: That you did not think fit to let me have the Inspection of your Memorial, but drew it up as you judg'd most proper, & therein stated the case of your Regiment in your own Manner; that their Lordships have thereupon reconsider'd their Report, & will, I believe, alter it; & their present Report will be form'd intirely upon your own State of the case, & not mine; That you are under a Mistake in imagining that they will now govern themselves by my opinion or Recommendation in the Affair; For as they have the Case lay'd before 'em by yourself, they have judg'd for themselves upon that, without Regard to my Representation of it, wch they will not now adopt: That you have had from the Beginning my best Offices in favour of your Regiment's Pay, particularly when they consider'd your own State of it, & shall, as far as you have left it in my Power to exert 'em, continue to have 'em to the End: That if I had acted solely upon the Motive of making Savings for the Crown in the case of your Regiment, as you seem to insinuate in your letter, I should not have given my Opinion in favour of Pay's being allow'd it, & urg'd it with the strongest Reasons I could think of; & if I have err'd on either Side, it is in favour of the Regiment. I am, Sir,

Your Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

Colonel WILLIAMS.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO ELISHA WILLIAMS WITH WILLIAMS' OBSERVATIONS.

St James's Street Feb. 12th 1749.

Sr

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as to ye Case of yr late Regiments Pay I must observe to you—That ye Trust of Adjusting & Liquidating the accounts of the American Expences incurred on accot of ye late intended Expedition agt Canada was committed to Mr Knowles & me Jointly; that he was of opinion, it was our Duty to State ye particular Case of yr late Regiment as to ye Pay of it, from the Time the whole Corps was Dismissed, to yr Respective Homes, entill they Should have his Majestys orders for Mustering again, for his Majestys own Determination & a Concealment of ye Special Circumstances of it by me would have been a breach of Trust, and was absolutely out of my option & Power. That the Case was Stated by me in ye most favourable Light for the Officers & Soldiers; the former of wch I recommended in the Strongest Manner I could for whole Pay, to 31t of Octobr 1747, and the latter to Some Pay, at least, to ye Same Time; thô I was under no Necessity of giving my opinion Either Way. That I have Endeavoured in my attendance upon the Lords Commisrs of Trade Paymaster General & Secretry at War, to promote at the Board, what I recommended in my State of the Case from Boston; and their Lordships had before your arrival here, in their Report, rested the Matter for the Consideration of the Lords of Treasury, upon that State of it, with my opinion Set forth at Large in favour of the allowance of Pay recommended by Me to êm. That upon hearing of yr arrival & Design to put in a Memorial to the Lords of Trade &c, upon the Case of yr Regiment, I Sent for you, informed you of what I apprehended were the Essential Circumstances, for you to urge in favour of it*, and offered to prepare & Settle Your Memorial in the most

advantageous Manner for the officers & Soldiers. That you did not think fit to Let me have the Inspection of y^{r} Memorial, but drew it up, as you judg'd most proper, & therein Stated the Case of y^{r} Regiment in your own Manner. That their Lordships have thereupon reconsidered their Report, & will I believe alter it; and their present report will be formed Entirely upon y^{r} Own State of y^{r} Case & not Mine.

That you are Under a Mistake, in Imagining that they will now govern themselves by my opinion or recommendation in the aff^{r}; For as they have the Case laid before 'em by y^{r} Self they have Judged for themselves upon that, without Regard to my representation of it, which they will not now adopt.

That you have had from the Beginning my best offices in favour of your Regiments Pay, particularly when they considered y^{r} own State of it, and Shall as far as you have left it in my Power to Exert 'em continue to have 'em to the End. That if I had acted† Solely upon the Motive of making Savings for the Crown in the Case of y^{r} Regiment, as you Seem to Insinuate in y^{r} Letter, I should not have given my opinion in favour of Pay's being allowed it, & urged it wth the Strongest reasons I could think of; and if I have Erred either side it is in favour of ye Regiment.

I am Sir y^{r} Humble Servant

W SHIRLEY

Coppy of G^{r} Shirleys Letter to E. Williams

*Not True, as he represents it. When I had told Him, I should give in an answer to ye Board of Trade to his observations. He desired Me to let him See it. I told Him I had it not with me, that a Clerk was drawing it out fair. He said he w^{d} advise me to Set the Necessity of the Sold^{rs} going Home after ye resolve of ye assembly in the Strongest Light, as what would best Serve them. I told him I had done So. and also That as they did not think y^{m}selves dismissed from the Kings Service So Neither did he himself, for that after that resolve in the Winter Season He had wrote to me to have y^{m} in a readiness to go upon y^{e}

Expedition ag^{t} Crown point &c and that I waited upon Him soon after at Boston, & told Him we were ready & He Said He did not Know of that resolve of o^{r} assembly then. I told him he Did, for that He mentioned it as being Informed of it by G^{r} Law in ye beginning of his Letter. on wch he was silent.

I believe he was willing to have had ye ordering of my answer, (thô he Said no Such thing to me) but I did not think it best, to trust Him in ye affair, who had done us So great an Injury.

† Alass, I never thought he acted upon Such Motive, but to Serve himself, under So fair a Show of Saving Money to ye Crown. and that if really he acted under So fair a Notion, why y^{n} did he not act impartially, & Save Money to ye Crown, from ye Pay of those Officers Whose Commis^{s} he had Antedated, in wch Case he had Himself made ye King Liable to pay Money, where he had never promised it. & Save Money also to ye King from those Sold^{rs} in his own Regiments who were at Home as o^{rs} were—but He touches not on this part of my Letter—I forbear making any more remarks upon it—having Scarce Patience to read it—am Glad I have at least Saved or prevented ye Mischief I know he had designed Cap^{tt} Kelloggs Pay— while he was in N England—for there he always Said ye King ought not & nev^{r} w^{d} pay it. & had he found it presented to ye Board before I came, I doubt not, his making objections to it. He Had Said to me a few Days before, that in his Judgment, we ought to have full Pay, till Discharged oct. 31. 1747— Even as I intimate to Him tow^{ds} ye Close of my Lett^{r}— How reconsileable that is with some things in this Letter I Leave you to Judge

E W

[Indorsed] Mr Shirleys Lett^{r} to E W

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 12 m° or febry the 16th 1749/50

Govr Law

I take the Liberty with the leave of Docr Avery lately appointed Agent for the Colony for Connecticutt, to address thee on the Transactions of the Affairs relating to the said Colony at the Court of this Kingdom in as much as althô he is willing to be servisable in Sollicitg for, and receiving your Cape Breton Money & Signing some Memorials yet declines to continue your Agent in the other future necessary Affairs & was pleased to recommend Col° Williams to me for advice & Assistance, which accordingly I have undertaken at both their Requests & have hitherto Exerted myself for the Colonys Interest according to the best of my Capacity & should be glad my Endeavours might be attended with Success to the Satisfaction of the Gentlemen imediat'ly concerned.

The arrival of Col° Williams here, was in time, before the Lords of Trade, Pay Masr Genl, and Secretary at War, had concluded their Report on the Several Colonys Accots for the Expence incurr'd on the designed Expedition agst Canada to whom they were referr'd by the Lords of the Treasury to be liquidated & Ajusted: whereupon we quickly applyed to the E[ ] of Eliakim Palmer Esqr your former Agent for some necessary Papers but they absolut'ly refused to deliver any of them (except ye papers relating to Col° Williams Regiment) without Some Security for the paymt of the Ballance of accot due to the Estate of the said Palmer, which they Say is about £227 Sterl: whereupon considering any further delay might be attended with very fatal Consequences, & the absolute necessity there was of complying, I ventured to give my note of hand for paying the Ball: due, rather than the Colonys Cause should Suffer & then we obtained what papers we wanted both for the Colonys imediate concern as also what Related to the Regiment for Col° Williams: in the mean time applying to the Lords of Trade for Copys of Govr Shirleys Observations both on the Colonys accot: of Arms & Cloathing and what

related to his Regiment which we quickly obtained, & thereupon drew up answer for Doc^r Avery to Sign respecting the Colonys said acco^t & a suitable affidavit, made by Col^o Williams & Lieut^t Col^o Talcott annexed thereto and delivered in to the Said Board, with Col^o Williams answer to the s^d Governors Objections to the pay of his Regim^t: the latter drawn up by a Solliciter recomend^d by Jno Sharpe to whom we applyed by direction of Dr Avery & then we drew up a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury signed by Dr Avery praying paym^t of the £66,189 19 5 Curr^y for Bounty, Billitting, and provis^ns for the Soldiers which we reduced at the rate of 750 for £100 Ster: amount^g to £8,825 6 6 Ster: which being exhibited to the Treasury they of Course referred the same to the Lords of Trade &^a to receive an Examination as afores^d but we have little Encouragm^t hitherto of this latter Sum being paid, but it is likely to have the Same fate as the other Colonys for that kind of Expence to be thrown on those who advanced the money, to make a Saving to the Crown; which I think is hard & unreason^ble except ab^t 7 or 800£ Curr^y charged in the Acco^t to certain Articles which they allow off. And as to the Acco^t of Arms & Cloath^g which had been exhibited by your former Agent that was laying before them but as yet there's no getting any certain knowledge whether any and what abatem^t will be made thereon till their Report is made to the Treasury which we are assured will now be done (with what relates to the other Colonys also) Some time next week, & then its expected the Several Sums agreed on will be laid before the Parliam^t in order for passing an Act for Paym^t of the Money, but when it will be ready for receiv^g is altogether uncertain, against which time I apprehend it will be necessary for thee as Governor of the Colony, to make out an other proper Power of Attorney under the Colony's Seal to authorize Some ℘son here to receive their Canada Expedition Money of the Treasury, Something Agreeable to that already sent to Doct: Avery. Inclosed I Send Copys of all the Memorials & papers before mentioned relating to the Transactions Since Col^o Williams's arrival here for the Sat-

isfaction of your Genl Assembly except of the Col^{os} Memorial relating to the pay of his Regim^{t} which was drawn up by the Sollicitor & is very long; To do the Col^{o} Justice, he has laboured in these affairs with me indifaticably, both respect^{g} the Colonys acco^{ts} of the Charge exhibited, as in that for the Pay of his Regim^{t}, & with a great deal of prudence & Solid Judgm^{t}, without whose assistance I am Satisfied in the intricacy of Affairs the Cause could not have been so well managed.

One thing further, I think it necessary to mention, which is, that in the Course of these Transactions, they were unavoidably attended with Expence, which I have hitherto paid out of my pocket & Shall for the Service of the Interest of the Colony advance more, besides what I stand engaged for as to the Ball: of Palmers acco^{t} which I gave my note for to the Execut^{rs} as afores^{d}, & which I assure myself care will be taken to give me an order on Dr Avery for the paym^{t} off, for at present he don't Seem to apprehend he has any Authority to pay it out of the Cape Breton money when he receives it.

Nothing is done in this Session of Parliam^{t} yet about Paper Curr^{y} neither do I think there will be now, as time is so far Spent; and besides, the State of Paper Money is not yet returned from the Several Colonys, which was required last year by the House of Comons except from Pensylvania & New Jersey that I hear of.

There has been a Bill lately Bro^{t} into the House for taking off the duty on the Importation of Pig & Bar Iron from our Plantations, but its thought it will hardly pass as there is likely to be a Strong Opposition to it.

As for the Affair of your Boundarys with the Massachusetts I find no Steps have yet been taken about it here, neither do I think there will be till further Instructions come over abo^{t} it Dr Avery seeming inclinable not to meddle with it.

I am wth due respects to the Gentlemen of the Council & House of Representatives

Thy and their assured Friend

RICH^{D} PARTRIDGE

I send thee to my Correspondts Andrew Oliver & Co. a Magazine & some other News Papers ℘ this Conveyance of which I desire thy acceptance to be sent thee ℘ a private hand

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governor of the Colony of Connecticutt

[Indorsed] Richd Partridges of the 16 of ffebruary 1749–50 recd April 20th 1750

[A duplicate of this letter (Agents Letters, 76) has the following in place of the above postscript.]

Respecting a Solicitor to be employd in ye Affair of the Boundary above mentioned, I am apt to think John Sharpe will hardly undertake it for Connect, because I know he was engaged for [ ]ssachusetts in their Boundaries wth Rhode Island and also agst New Hampshr

BENJAMIN AVERY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

I received the Papers which you sent me by Collo Williams; & the Duplicates which were forwarded to me by Captn Spendor: by which I was made acquainted with the Favor which your Honour & the Assembly had done me in appointing me your Agent. Had I known your intention I would have prevented that Appointment: because I fear the Affairs of the Colony will suffer by the Nomination of a person to this Office, whose stated Business lays him under an absolute Necessity of refusing to accept of it. In my Judgment, as you could never have fix'd on a more proper Person than my late worthy Friend, Mr Palmer, so not could you easily have thought of a Person less able to serve you in this Capacity than myself. I want indeed no good Will to the Colony: & any Interest I may have in this Countrey, or with any Persons of Weight & Figure in it, I will readily & faithfully use in the Service of Connecticutt. But there are Attendances required of your Agent, necessarily required, from the very nature of his Business, which my Situation in Life render me quite incapable of giving.

But least the Affairs of the Colony should irretrievably suffer, by my absolutely declining to act at all in this Office, I did, at the Request of Several Gentlemen of Connecticutt & the Massachusetts, who are at present in this City, resolve to act so far, as to present a Memorial to ye Lords of the Treasury, requesting, they would pay me the 28,863:19:1. due to the Colony on Account of the Reduction of Louisb. & Cape Breton. This was very civilly received; & Mr Pelham has encouraged me to expect, that there shall be no unnecessary delay in the paying it. When it is paid, I shall acquaint your Honour with it: and I shall deposit it in ye Bank of England, till I receive your Honour's Draughts on me for it. Lieutenant Coll^o^ Talcot says he has bills drawn on me by your Honour for 400^li^ Sterling, part of that Money; which the Post script to your Honours Letter will, I imagine, warrant me to pay him out of that Money as soon as I receive it.

But as to the projected Expedition against Canada, & any Money due to the Colony on that account, I cannot think of interesting myself at all in this Matter any other wise than by my good Offices. I have indeed presented a Memorial for ye Money due for Bounty Billetting & Transports; but I am frankly told that little, if any, of that Money is likely to be paid. Mr Palmer had presented a Memorial, near a 12 M^o^ since, for Money due on the Canada Acc^t^ for the Clothing, Arms & pay; & for these last mentioned Articles, I believe, it will be recomended to the House of Cms to make some Provision: But I much fear that the Whole of the Pay due to either the Officers or Soldiers will hardly be order'd; on Acc^t^ of some Objections, raised by the Govern^r^ of a Neighboring Province, founded on a Resolve of your Assembly, in Octr or Novr 1746, to send the Men home to their respective Habitations: This is understood, or pretended to be understood, as dismissing them from his Majesty's Service. I have endeavored, & shall endeavor, to represent ye unreasonableness of any Abatement of their pay on this Pretense; but with what success I am not able to say. Our great Men, in this Affair

are for laying hold on every handle to Save Expences to the Crown: But if they do save the Crown any Money by such a Deduction from ye Pay of these Officers or Soldiers, I shall not be able to think that they act honourably; & they will, in my Judgment, Saddle the Colony & many particular persons in it, with a disproportionate & very unreasonable Expence.

But however this may turn out, I shall beg to be excus'd from meddling with any of the Money that may be granted for the reimbursing the Colony the Expences incurr'd or Debts contracted on that Occasion. I have a great Regard for ye Colony; & a just Sense of the Obligation they have laid me under by ye unexpected Confidence they have plac'd in me: and both from the Recomendations I have had of him, & the Conversation I have had with him, I cannot but have a particular & very great Concern for Coll^o Williams, as a Gentleman of eminent & distinguish'd Merit; but my Affairs are so circumstanced, that I did not dare, nor upon any Consideration can I, or will I, undertake ye Solliciting the Cause of ye Regiment; & therefore at his first coming I recomended ye Collonel, & his particular Business about the Regiment, to Mr Richard Partridge, as one who has been conversant in these Things many years; has Sollicited the like affairs on behalf of Rhode Island & New Jersey; & as a Gentleman of whose integrity & Capacity for Managing Things of this Nature, I had a very good Opinion. He has done, & will do all that he can to Serve ye Coll^o & ye Colony in this Respect; & I doubt not will deserve their gratefull Acknowledgements on this Account.

Mr Palmer's Exec^rs are not free to deliver up the Papers relating to the Colony's affairs till his Accounts with the Colony are adjusted & Clear'd. They say he had a considerable Demand on the Colony: to the discharge of which I did not apprehend my self warranted to apply any part of the Money which I might receive on the Louisb. Account: because I perceive all that Money except Lieu^t C^ll Talcot's 400^li is applied by order of ye Assembly, & appropriated to the Single Use of calling in your Paper

Currency. However, I believe, I shall soon have those Writings from the Execrs; Mr Partridge having given his Note to satisfy them as to any reasonable Demands they may have on ye Colony for business done, or Money laid out, by Mr Palmer in their Service. I mention this, that your Honour may See ye Reason why I take no Notice of that Paragraph in your Letter, in which you recomend to my Care the disputs between Massachusetts & Connecticut with respect to the Boundaries, & some particular Towns over which each of the Provinces claim Jurisdiction. I can say nothing certain or Satisfactory about it till I have perus'd those papers: but by what I can gather from a short conversation with Collo Williams on that Subject, That is a Dispute which can only be Ended by the King & Council; & I fear will take up some years, & cost a great deal of Money, before it can be brought to a Decision.

I am a Sincere well-Wisher to your Honour, & to your Colony; & shall not cease heartily to pray for your, & it's, growing & lasting Prosperity & Happiness.

I am, with great Respect,
Your Honours
most obedt faithfull humble Servt.
BENJ. AVERY

To JonA Law Esqr

P.S. Guy's Hosp: 17 February 1749.

I deliver'd your Honour's Letter to the Duke of Bedford; & his Grace seem'd very well Satisfied; but did not charge me with any Answer.

[Indorsed] Dr Averies of 17th of Febr 1749 Recd April 27th 1750.

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

London Febry 21st 1749.

Sir

Upon my arrival in this City, I immediately [de]livered your Honrs Packet to Dr Avery, who declind [acc]epting the Trust of agency for the Colony. I told him I had

[un]derstood, that Mr Shirley had laid in Objections to the Colonys [ac]cots of their Expences in the Canada Expedition and the Colony would suffer unless he appeared for them. He Said he had a great regard for the Colony, and Should be always ready to Serve it wherein he could, but that this Service was utterly Inconsistent with his other Business, which he was obliged to attend. and Should be very Sorry, the Colony Should Suffer any thing in the present Case. and therefore, (Said he) do you who understand the Colonys affairs, draw up proper answers to Mr Shirleys objections, and I will Sign them. I told him I was a Stranger to Every Body, & Manner of proceeding necessary to be Known in every Step. He Said take Mr Richard Partridge with you, who is thoroughly acquainted at all the Offices, and with the Management of Such affairs, & is an active faithful Man. I have accordingly done So and find him to answer Dr Avery's Character of him. When Mr Partridge had got the Coppys of Mr Shirleys Objections, to the Colonys accots. I found they related only to the arms & Cloathing, and therefore concluded the other accots relating to the Bounty Transports &c had never been exhibited, & must therefore Lye in the hands of Mr Palmers Executrs. I therefore waited on Dr Avery & acquainted him with it, & prayed him to get the Colony's Papers from those Executrs He desired Me to attend him on that affair the next Day, which I did. The Executrs refused to Deliver the Papers except the Money due from the Colony to Mr Palmer was first paid or at least Security given for it, which they Said was upwards of 220£ Sterling. Dr Avery refused to do it, as not intending to accept the Agency. I asked, what the Money was due for? They Said it was for Money he had been advancing for ye Colony at Times ever since he had been in the Agency, and represented ye Matter as if ye Colony had not treated Mr Palmer handsomely, in Suffering a Burden of Expence to lye upon Him, without furnishing him with any Stock for [tha]t Purpose, or paying him for So long a Time. I found my Self affected for the Colony Set in So disadvantageous a Light, as to their Treatment of their late

Worthy Agent before Dr Avery, whom the Colony was now desiring to Serve them in that Capacity. and to vindicate the Colony as far as I was able Told them, I Knew the Colonys honourable regard for Mr Palmer, That as they well accepted his Services So they would not Knowingly be Wanting, in reimbursing his Expences. That I had Seen Some Time Since a Letter drawn up for Mr Palmer, Wherein he was desired to Send an accot of his Expences in behalf of the Colony, and was assured the Same should be honourably discharged. Which I was Satisfied was Sent Him, and if Mr Palmer had not Sent his account, as I believed he never had, I concluded they would not cast blame on the Colony. and told them if they had Sent the accot since Mr Palmers Death, the Colony would undoubtedly have paid the Ballance and asked, if they had done it, they Said, they had not. they had So many other accots to Look into and that they had but lately got part of ye accots from Mr Sharp. I desired them to prepare and Send it and assured them it would be honourably discharged. Which they Said they did not doubt of. but would not after all I could Say deliver the Colonys Papers, Except on the above Condition. I desired to look among the Papers which they granted and finding the accot aforementioned, which had not been Exhibited; I urged the immediate Necessity, of that One Paper but could not obtain it. I asked Dr Avery if I should desire Mr Partridge to give the Security desired. He advised me to do so. Next Morning I applied to Mr Partridge for that Purpose, he consented, and gave a Promissory Note to the Executr for the payment of the Ballance due from the Colony. Thus the Papers were obtained. and what has been done to get those accots allowed, Mr Partridge I conclude will give particular Information of. and So much I thought needful for me to acquaint yr Honr with that you might Know the absolute Necessity there was of giving Security in behalf of ye Colony. as to the Fate of the last accot My Lord Dupplin (one of the Board) told me yesterday, that they had picked out of it as many Articles as would amount, he thought to about an 150£ Sterling

which they had agreed to allow, but that as to all the rest, they should Serve Connecticut, as they intended to do, the other Governments, on the like articles of Charge—allow none of it. It is a very Unhappy Season for the getting any Accots allowed. The Ministry being resolved to make all possible Savings to ye Crown. and with respect to ye Colonys as well as that of Connecticut regiment Mr Shirley has been an Useful Instrument. He Expects to go in a Month to Paris as one of the Commissirs to Settle the Bound Line between us & France, in North America, which is thought will take Him up no Small Time.

I am Your Honrs
most Obedient
and very humble Servant
ELISHA WILLIAMS

Govr Law.

[Indorsed] Colo Elisha Williams's Letter Feb. 21st 1749

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN TRUMBLE.

London Febry 21st 1749/50

Sir

I wrote you viâ N. York 25th Ult: enclosed to my Son, and on ye 1t of ys Month, enclosed to Mr Miller of N. London. I now write by Lt Whiting returning Home, a summary of wt I wrote before least yy fail, and carry on my acct of or affrs to the present Day. After a rough Passage, I arrived safely at Dartmoth ye 7th of Janry, and on ye 19th at London. I immediately repaired to Dr Avery, who absolutely declines the Agency, pr reqt or Colony, as being utterly inconsistent wth his other Business. I urged among other things ye Necessity of our affrs, That I had understood from Mr Partridge, (whom I had accidentally seen that morning) That Gn Shirly had not only laid in objections to the pay of the regiment, but also against ye Colonys accpts of arms & Cloathg &c., and that the Colony must suffer Unless He appeared for them. He replied you understand fully ye Colonys affrs and must draw up proper

answer to Mr Shirleys representations, and said He would Sign them. I told Him I was a Stranger to Every Body & particular Manner of procedure & prayed yrfore his advice. He said Mr Partridge is well acquainted wth those affrs, take Him with you. I have done so, and find he is well acquainted wth Men & Things, active & Indefatigable. I immediately got Coppys of his objections. His objections to ye Pay of yt Regiment are founded upon that unhappy resolve of or Assembly, Oct. 1746. wch you are well acquainted with. To ye accts of Arms & Cloathing, He sais ye same is too high 20 & 25. per·Cent. That you may ye better understand, the unhappy Situation of our affrs, I must go so far back as to tell you, That the Complaints agt That Gentleman had Issued not a Little in his Favour. Sevl of his Louisbourg officers had complained of his getting Money out of them for yir Commissions, viz such a part of yir pay as was Due from ye Date of yir Comisons to ye Time of yir receiving ym wch he had also kept some Time in his hand for ye sake of increasing that Sum, but it seems he has ye Cunning to tell ye Ministry, That That Money did not belong to ye Officers, and if it was not his perquisite it belonged to ye Crown, and so a designed piece of F——d was converted into a piece of Merit to himself, and so Let who will have ye Benefit of ye Money ye Poor Officers lose it. This it seems is one Thing that has rendered him a very useful Instrument, to The Ministry, who want to make as many Savings as possible to ye Crown, and as ye Lords of the Treasury had referred all accopts of ye Sevll Governments Expences in ye Canada Expedition to ye Board of Trade, so that Board put ym all into ye Hand of Govr Shirley, for him to make his observations upon. In this He had been employed some Weeks before my arrival. and had it not been by an Intrugue (I need not now Mention), That N. York accounts were delayed, he had doubtless finished all his Work, & The Lords of Trade would have made yir report accordingly, in a Manner fatal to us, but as he was employed about N. York accounts, We had in Consequence a Little Time to Speak for or selves. to return then to my

story, finding no objections to our last acc^{pt} of Bounty, Billitting & Transports, I concluded, they had never been given in. I repaired y^{r}fore to Dr Avery & prayed him, to receive all Papers belonging to ye Colony in ye Hands of Mr Palmers Execot^{rs}. He consented, & appointed me a Time with him to attend y^{t} aff^{r} wth ye Execut^{rs}. I did so, but they refused to Deliver any of ye Colonys Papers, Except ye Money Due from ye Colony to Mr Palmer was first paid, or at Least Security given for ye Payment y^{r}of, wch they said was upwards of 220£. Sterling, & Dr Avery refused to do it, not intending to accept ye Agency. What concerned ye aff^{r} of my late regiment, they readily Delivered me, but no arguments I could use could get one of the other. I desired Liberty to Look among ye Papers, which y^{y} granted, and I found, The above mentioned Colony's acc^{pt} of Transports &c. I urged for that one Paper it being absolutely necessary to be immediately laid before the L^{s} of the Treasury, but to no purpose. I asked Dr Avery if I should Desire That Fav^{r} of Mr Partridge, to give Security for the Money due from ye Colony. He said yes. next morning I applied to Mr Partridge for That Purpose. He consented y^{r}to. So we went to ye Execut^{rs} and he Gave them a Promissory Note, for the Payment of ye Ballance due from ye Colony. Thus having obtained those accounts, The same with a Memorial signed by Dr Avery, was laid before ye Lords of ye Treasury, wch they soon refered to ye Board, and they to Mr Shirley for his observations. How much will be obtained y^{r}of is very uncertain, thô I think part of it will be allowed, but they Intend to serve all ye Colonys alike, with respect to those articles, and among other things Mr Shirley tells them the Colonys never expected any reimbursement for Bounty Billetting or Transports, but were to do it as y^{ir} part of ye Burden in that Expedition. Wth all Dispatch We prepared answers to Mr Shirley's objections to ye Colonys accounts, and also to ye Pay of the regiment. The Board as yet, have not made up y^{ir} report at least it is not given in to ye Lords of Treasury Copys of w^{t} relates to ye Colony aff^{rs}, Mr Partridge I sup-

pose will send to ye Govr, and Coppys of w^{t} relate to ye regiment, I purpose to enclose wth y^{s}, if I can find Time to prepare them. The Grand obstruction to our obtaining Justice, Lies wth ye Ministry. Tho' y^{y} have had immense Sums of Money, Yet t^{e} Great Business they now mind, is *To Save Money to ye Crown.* Mr Sharp, who is Sollicitor to the Treasury, Franckly said to Me, The King was bound in Hon^{r} & Justice, to give us full pay, till Discharged by his order, and had it been at any other Time not ye Lest Scruple could have arisen in ye Case, but sais he it happens at a Juncture when ye Ministry want to save Money, &c. I had found Mr Kilby had a good Interest in Lord Halifax, who is at ye Head of ye Board of Trade, & Ld Duplin who is a Chief Man, among them. I engaged his Friendship in ye Case. I shewed him ye Coppy of my answer to Mr Shirley's Objections. He said it was too Long for y^{m} to attend to it. I told Him I would prepare a Brief State of ye Case, & put it into his Hand, to emprove wth those Lords. I prepared Duplicates, for y^{t} purpose, wch He put into y^{ir} hands. Ld Halifax he sais favours o^{r} Cause. On ye 9th Inst^{t}, I learned from Him, That ye report w^{d} be drawn up probably, for ye cutting off the officers (if not Soldiers), ye Last y^{rs} pay, and that because they Joined wth ye Assembly in w^{t} was done, For they view it in this Light (& I suppose from w^{t} Mr Shirley has said), That ye Colony ought to have found ye regim^{ts} bread, and ye Assembly to ease y^{m}selves of y^{t} Burden contrived that Act & ye officers joined in with y^{m} to get ye Soldiers Home, out of any Service, and y^{r}fore ought to be answered for their roguery. (Note. this was yet a Secret not to be known till ye report sh^{d} be made). I instantly repaired to Dr Avery, opened it to Him, & prayed Him to wait on Mr Pelham the Chancell^{r} of ye Exchequer, & Desire, That if the Report from ye Board of Trade, should be any Ways prejudicial to ye Regim^{t}, That before they should Lay y^{ir} Estimate before the House of Commons, I might be Heard at ye Treasury Board He promised to write to Mr Pelham ye next morning (it being then in ye Night), and y^{t} on Monday (wch was ye 12th) He would see

Ld Duplin. He has done both, & to furnish Him ye more fully, I put in to his Hand my Brief State of ye Case before mentioned, & Coppy of ye Letter I had sent to G^{n} Shirley on ye 8th. He tells me, he supposes y^{y} will draw up no opinion upon ye Case, But report the Facts as I have stated them, & Leave ye Matter to ye Lords of ye Treasury. But sais That Ld Duplin, has an unhappy Notion of ye Matter. (agreeable to what I have just hinted), and blames ye officers for letting ye Soldiers go Home, and sais *If* Genl St Clair had come *I might have been tried for my Life*, for it. The D^{r} told Him That ye officers were so far from joining with ye assembly in y^{t} resolve &c, That they had prayed ye assembly against it, (or y^{ir} Com^{te} when y^{y} were preparing ye resolve as I had Informed them, and that it was Impossible for me to do otherwise than I did, seeing ye King had put no Money into my hand, or put it into my power to keep y^{m} together by providing y^{m} Bread. yet that did not signify. He persisted in it, That I ought not to have Let y^{m} gone Home, without ye Kings order, and might have lost my Life for it. He farther pressed on y^{t} Lord, The farther Injustice y^{t} would be done Those Persons, who pursuant to ye Duke of N. Castles Letter to Mr Shirley & Mr Knowles, & y^{ir} recommendation of ye Matter to o^{r} Govr &c that ye Soldiers might be paid &c and in Confidence of ye Publick Faith, had advanced ye Pay for some officers & many of ye Men, (as I had informed ye D^{r}). This Consideration ye D^{r} said, impressed them, and seemed to be of weight with Him.

But on the whole, ye D^{r} expects y^{ir} report will be drawn up as I have above hinted. W^{ch} Ld Duplin told Him would be in 10 days Time given in to ye Treasury Board, where I shall insist upon being heard (if it be found needful), and if it be there Determined to our prejudice, I will follow it to ye House of Commons — where I doubt not of a Hearing, and of having *Friends not a few.* But I have a hope, y^{re} will be no occasion, For thô it be True, That ye Ministry can Carry any Vote y^{y} have a Mind to — yet y^{y} are unwilling that any thing of y^{ir} doings, relating to ye Canada Affair should be

canvassed y^re^, and would use all Means to prevent it, and y^s^ will give the Anti Court Party, both a notable occasion, to harangue on y^ir^ Breach of Publick Faith, & sacrificing ye King's Hon^r^, and a handle for farther Enquiries, which rather y^n^ be exposed to, I am in some Hope The Lords of ye Treasury, will determine favourably for us, *I. E.* Mr *Pelham*, who is att y^ir^ Head and *The all* (as it were) in ye administration. and if it must come into Parliament, We should have some Chance, for Carrying ye Point. But having wrote ye preceding on ye 15th on ye 16th Inst. as I was musing on ye Scituation of aff^rs^, It occurred, That in Case a report should go from ye Lords of Trade in o^r^ Prejudice and I should meet it, at ye Treasury Board wth any thing farther, they might be displeased, that I had not said all I could have said, at ye Board of Trade, or send me back y^re^ again, I thought I would draw up a 2^d^ Memorial, & get it into ye Board of Trade, and if it did not answer my purpose there, I trusted it would of Course go up to ye Treasury Board, Where I might be heard on the whole if y^re^ should be need, & in this Method Mr Kilby (with w^m^ I advised confirming me,) and perceiving, by w^t^ I had learned (as before hinted) where Ld Dupplins Difficulty lay, or rather prejudice, and what might serve us to urge, I drew up a 2^d^ Memorial accordingly (Coppy of which I enclose), and repaired to Dr Avery, ye 19th Instant, and laid ye Case before Him, wch he approved of; I then desired Him to Introduce Me ye next Day to Ld Dupplin. This I supposed better y^n^ to repair to Ld Fairfax, who is friendly to us, and thô at ye Head of ye Board, yet Ld Dupplin is ye principal y^re^, and whose prejudices against us I wanted to remove. The D^r^ said it was difficult for Him to leave some aff^rs^ ye next Day but to serve me He would. We waited on that Lord Yesterday. He read ye Memorial, when he had done, said, *These things are to the purpose*, I said some things, farther to clear us from any Charge of Blame, for I found my self under no manner of Difficulty (Thô it be not what we are used to, in N England to talk before Lords). He did not care to hear a Word said in behalf of ye Colonys

passing that resolve, under a Notion of saving some Expence to ye Crown, and was possessed wth ye belief that they did it only to save it to themselves, and how much Mr Shirley has done to perswade them into a Belief of it, and that the assembly would never have thought of asking pay for billetting if Mr Partridge had not gott it for Rhoad Island I must leave. Thô (by ye Way) in ye making up of accounts they will certainly make y^{t} draw back upon them, as Mr Partridge Expects. and he looks upon y^{t} resolve of o^{r} assembly a most unjustifiable Thing. I could not forbear asking Leave of his Lordship to say a Word in Defence of my Country. I assured him of y^{ir} Loyalty and readiness always to do what his Majesty had recommended to Them, That with all Cheerfulness y^{y} had prepared Transports & Provisions for y^{ir} Troops, and had billetted the Soldiers till ye Season required y^{ir} going into Winter Quarters, That receiving no farther Directions from his Majesty, y^{n} what was in ye Dukes Letter of 9th of April, & finding no express Desire to Billett the regiment there, wch If y^{re} had been, I doubted not they would have complied with it, they really thought, they were serving his Majesty, when they contrived ye Matter so, as that ye Expence of their billetting was saved (as they supposed) to his Majesty, and yet the Soldiers kept in as good a Condition for ye Kings Service, as if y^{y} had billetted them, and were really in as good a Readiness for his Service as any other of The Forces raised for y^{t} purpose, and that y^{r}fore If they were mistaken, yet the resolve being well meant, I hoped his Lordship would not blame them, and that wth regard to the regiment, I beleived his Lordship too just, to construe it to y^{ir} Prejudice when ye officers had earnestly sollicited against it, and that in Consequence of y^{t} resolve they could not possibly do otherwise than they Did, &c &c. When the talk was over, Instead of giving me the Memorial in order to my Laying it before ye Board as I expected, He put it into his Pocket & said, (wch I took for a favourable omen) He would lay it before the Board, and thô they had drawn up a report upon ye Facts as I had stated them in my

former Memorial, & as he said Govr Shirley had, Yet they could annex this to it, and directed me to attend the Board at 12 Clock this Day. I did so. He happened to see me as he was going up into ye Chamber where they sit, and called me to Him and directed a Waiter, to Lead me into an opposite room, where after I had waited some Time, He came to me and told me he had laid it before ye Board, and they would annex it to y^{ir} report, (as he had intimated yesterday) thus I have brought my Story down to ye Present Time, and shall not be able to tell you any more till ye next Conveyance. Mr Kilby thinks ye affair Lyes as well now as we could Expect, since Shirley has done as he has, and no Body out of Doors perhaps can judge upon it better than he. Ld Dupplin said yesterday, they intended to make y^{ir} report to ye Treasury next Tuesday, after wch I shall know farther, and acquaint you wth w^{t} occurs as I shall have Opportunity. You may be sure I shall rejoyce to get well thrô such a Difficult perplexed affair, which I evidently see would have had a Determination very unhappy to some, If I had not come hither, and after all possible Effort, may yet for ought I know, be somewhat so. This is my Consolation,—*That God Governs*, to whom I would always repair, & with whom I would leave it, whilst I am doing all I can. I have not Time to write particularly to Col. Pitkin to whom wth y^{r} self I send Hearty Regards, and must y^{r}fore desire you to communicate this, with ye other Papers to Him, and to my Son,

Who am Sr Your and his
Faithful Friend
and humble Servt
E: WILLIAMS.

Col^{l} TRUMBLE &c.

[Indorsed] Col^{o} Williams's Letter N° 3. Feb. 1749/50. General State.

BENJAMIN AVERY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Sir

I hope My Letter of the last Month by Captn Trail came safe to your Honours Hands, by ye way of Boston. I therein gave you my Reasons for not accepting of the Office with which the Colony has honoured me; & told you that I would so far act under the Powers you had Sent me, as to receive the 28,863^{ll}–19^{s}–1^{d} due to ye Colony on the Louisburg Account; & when I had it, I would pay Lt Coll^{o} Talcot 400^{ll} according to your order; & keep the rest in the Bank of England, till I received your Draughts for it. As the Money is not paid; tho' I am encouraged to expect it very Soon: Nor indeed has there been any alteration in the affairs of the Colony depending here Since my last; except that Coll^{o} Williams has met with some unexpected, as well as undeserv'd, Difficulties in the Business of his Regiment; which I wish We may be able to assist him in Surmounting. So that I should hardly so soon have troubled your Honor afresh, had not Coll^{o} W^{ms} Lt Coll^{o} Talcot & Mr Whiting & others represented to me the necessity of Speed in giving your Honour my Sentiments about a Person proper to be employd as your Agent here. When I recommended our deceased Friend Mr Palmer, I did it because I knew he was a Person proper to be intrusted with the Care of the Religious as well as civil, Concerns of ye Colony: & likely to premote & cultivate an amicable Correspondence between ye Inhabitants of Connecticutt & ye Protestant Dissenters in London; which I apprehended would be to their mutual Advantage. The same Consideration, I imagine, directed your Thoughts to me, on Mr Palmers Death. and as I think this a reasonable Measure, for both for you there & us here, Still to keep in our Eye & pursue, I was not willing to suggest any Thing to you in my last relating to the Person most proper to be employ'd by you as your Agent; because then I had not had any Opportunity of consulting my Friends about this Matter, which appears to me of some Importance. We have since that, had a Meeting of the Committee of the Deputies who take care of ye Civil affairs

of the Dissenters, & I mention'd this Matter to them; Who seem'd unanimously of Opinion, that Mr Samuel Storke Merchant, would be a proper Person to be imployd in Solliciting the Several Affairs which the Colony of Connecticutt now has, or soon may have depending here in England.

We regard this Gentleman as a Steady Dissenter, a Dissenter upon Principle; His Father was & was long engag'd in the New England Trade; & we imagine left this his Son a good Fortune; which he has, doubtless, since had opportunities O'considera[bly] to improve. He is well known in the Massachusetts; & I am told not wholly unknown in Connecticutt.

Your Honour will, I flatter my self, excuse my giving you these Hints; which proceed from no private Selfish Views, or any particular Connexion which I have with Mr Storke or any partial attachment to him; but meerly from my Regard to the Interest of the Colony, & my Concern for the Support & Encouragement of the Cause of Religious as well as Civil Liberty.

I am, with great Respect
your Honour's
most Obedient faithfull
humble Servt
BENJ: AVERY

Guy's Hospital 8 March 1749
[Indorsed] Docr Avery 1749

JOSIAH WILLARD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Boston March 10. 1749

Sir,

I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor and Council of this Province, to inform your Honour, That one Jonathan Briant stands indicted at the Court of Assize now held at Boston, for concealing 95 Counterfeit Bills, made in imitation of the true Bills of Credit emitted by the Colony of Connecticut in 1746, of the Denomination of three Pounds

ten shillings, with an Intent to utter the same, as also for uttering several of the like Counterfeit Bills; and his Trial is to come on the first Tuesday in April next: And in order to his Conviction it is apprehended necessary, that a Copy of the Act of your Colony for emitting those Bills (duly certified) should be had upon the Trial, and that two of the Signers of the true Bills be also present there; the Signers are Messrs Stanly, Willis & Buckingham, And therefore I must earnestly intreat your Honour, that you would give effectual Orders, that the said Signers attend the Trial, and that a Copy of the Act be sent accordingly.

I am with due Respect Sir,
Your Honours most Obedient
Humble Servant
J WILLARD

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr

[Indorsed] Mr Secry Willards March 10 1749–50 relating to Bryant's being indicted abt Counterfeit Bills

ROGER WOLCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD March 10 $17\frac{49}{50}$

Sr

This Comes upon the Motion of Majr Lyman who Expresseth himself much Concerned at the report of the Comittee Given in to the Assembly at Boston and by them Excepted that it is Necessary to them to aply to the Throne for a Confirmation of the line already run between the Province and this Collony if not already Confirmed. It is Grievous to the Major that after they have tasted the Clusters of Canaan to fall into an Amush and be chased back again I have Discoursed with some Gentlemen here who are of opinion that this step taken by the Masachusetts Gives a Just suspicion that their Apointing Comrs was but for an Amusement and that it is best to prevent a surprize

it is therefore submitted to your Honr if it be not best to send the papers here with Enclosed with the act of the Massachusetts Apointing Comrs to the Agent with Instructions to him to prevent a surprize on this head or that you

will in some other way as you shall think best I am

Your Hon^rs

Most humble servant

ROGER WOLCOTT

To the Hon^able JONATHAN LAW

[Superscribed] To The Hon^able JONATHAN LAW Esqr In Milford

[Indorsed] D Govr Wolcott March 10 1749

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 1st m̄o or March 26th 1750

Govr Law

I wrote thee of the 16th Ult. via Boston relating to the Affairs of Connecticutt to which I refer.

And now this may further advise thee, That the Board of Trade before whom the Sev^l Colonys Acco^ts of the Expence incurred in the Canada Expedition which have been long depend^g have made their Report to the Lords of the Treasury after they had made very large abatem^ts therein notwithstanding all the Strug'ling & Endeavours used to the Contrary, & not Long since the Sum̄s as they had fixed them were carried into the House of Com̄ons where they were agreed to accordingly; a Copy whereof I have obtained and send thee inclosed, whereby thou wilt see what the Sum̄s are which are allowed for yor Colony, (vizt) for Arms & Cloathing £5045.19.10½ & for the Pay of the Officers & Soldiers of Col^o Williams^s Regiment £5291.15.3 & also £6594.3.1¼ besides the Money allowed for the Pilots Wages; making in the whole together £17191.15.8½ & no more: The Lords who had the liquidating & adjusting the Acco^ts seemed to be bent upon Savings to the Crown & to be almost Deaf to intreatys to the Contrary wherein Col^o Williams has laboured indefatigably: whether there will be any probability of Success, in the next Sessions of Parliam^t or not (if we should Essay for any further augmentations) is uncertain though it may possibly become our Consideration in the mean time.

I am with Respects,

Thy assured Friend.

RICH^D PARTRIDGE.

2d mō. ye 3d 1750.

The foregoing is duplicate of my last via Rhd Island to which I refer. The money to be granted by the Legislature here for ye Canada Expedn Expence I suppose will be ready to be paid in a little time after ye Parliamt rises wch will be about ye 12 Inst. that is to those who are duly authorised to receive it. I was yesterday at the Treasury & was informed that a Warrant for Dr Averys receiving ye £28863.19.1d Str ye Cape Breton money wd be ready by tomorrow, but I hear he was to set out for the Bath as yesterday so it must be deferr'd till his return.

I am as before RD PARTRIDGE.

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt Milford Per Capt Spendar via Boston.

[Indorsed] Mr Partridge Letter of the 3d Day of April, 1750 Recd 5th of June.

[A duplicate (Agents Letters, 34) of the first section of this letter, sent "℔ Capt Scarr via Rhode Island" and "recd June 22" has the following additions.]

I send thee herewith Some of our prints of wch I desire thy acceptance. Colo Williams well please to forwd my letter to Colo Allyn at Windsor

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD March the 26th 1750.

Honourble Sr

I Recd Yours of the 22d of Instant March on Saturday last and I Immediately acquainted Mr Buckingham and Capt Wyllys with it who both Say that they Cannot Possible go to Boston att this time to be Present at the Triall of Jonathan Bryant for Counterfiting Bills of Credit of this Coloney Mr Buckingham tels, me he is not well Enough to Ride so far and Capt. Wyllys Saith the County Court is so near that he Cannot go from home to leave that and his other Buisness is So pressing that he, Shall be a great Looser if he leaves it and it is very Dificult for me to be absent from home So long So that we all desire to be by

Your Honour Excused from Such a Journey, Capt. Wyllys Declines Sending a Coppy of the Act of the Assembly without Some of the Comitte could go Unless he be Directed by Your Honour So to do, we thought it best to Send this Express to Your Honour, for your Direction wheither a Coppy of the Actt of the Assembly Refered to be Sent to Boston by Some Other hand than the Comitte and who it Shall be Directed to if Sent.

I am Sr Your Honours Most Obediant
Humble Servt
NATHLL STANLY.

To the Honourble JONATHAN LAW Esqr
[Indorsed] Coll Stanly's March 26th recd 27th 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO STANLY, WYLLYS AND BUCKINGHAM.

NEW HAVEN March 27th 1750.

Ser

Yours of the 26 of Instant I Recev'd & am Sory Its so difficult with you to Comply with what they think necessary for the Tryal. and that we nevor thought it neadful to put them to the like trouble. In order to Convict of Counterfeiting the Bills of their or other Colonies. yet since they Do, and will acquit any guilety by person for want of Such Evidence (of which as I remember) we had one Instance formely) its great Pitty this should terminate to theirs any neglect of Ours. but if it be imposseble (which I hope you will Reconsider) to Comply with it, you will Do What you can, you will send a Copy of the acts in 1740 in May and October under our Seal and one of the true Bills Which you signd with your Oaths, that you never Signd any other twenty Shilling Bills New tenor except Such as that appearing to Come of the same Plats, or Sum Such Evidence wherby they may have a Certain Patern to Compare that with Which they Suppose to be Counterfeit.

from your humble servant
J LAW

Messrs STANLY WILLIS & BUCKINGHAM.*
[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll Stanly March 27 1750

* Nathaniel Stanly, George Wyllys and Joseph Buckingham were members of the committees appointed to sign the Colony's bills, and their autographs appear on bills issued in 1740 and 1744 now in possession of this Society.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

March 31st 1750

Very Dr Sr

I came last night to Town, & tho' very weary cannot help informing You of it. When shall I have the pleasure of seeing You, & introducing You to any of my Friends? It wd be esteem'd a great priviledge could I in the least degree serve New England. Our Gracious Emanuel hath much blessed me in the West. I have now only time to assure You how sincerely I subscribe myself, very Dr Sr

Your most affec: & very ready
Servt for Xt's Sake
GEORGE WHITEFIELD

At Tabernacle house near Moorfields

When You see General Pepperel be pleased to present my most dutyful respects

[Superscribed] To Colonel WILLIAMS at Mr Thomson's in Willbank street in London

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Whitehall 14th April 1750.

Sir,

The King having given His Royal Assent the last Sessions of Parliament to an Act, Entituled, "An Act to encourage the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron from His Majesty's Colonies in America, and to prevent the Erection of any Mill, or other Engine for slitting or rolling of Iron, or any Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making Steel in any of the said Colonies," which Act is to take Place the 24th of June next, and His Majesty's Governors in North America having particular Instructions given them therein, I have the King's Commands to transmit it to you, to the End that you may have the same duly published and observed throughout your Government.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant.
BEDFORD

Govr of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] D of Bedfords of 14th of April 1750 rec^{d} Augst 17th respecting Engines for plating Iron or Making Steele.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 3^{d} mō: or May the 11th 1750.

Govr Law

I wrote thee last of the 26th 1st mō:. & the 3^{d} 2^{d} mō: to which I refer, The Parliament broke up the 12th ult. & about 4 days after that the King set out for Hannover where he is safe arived, leaving the Affairs of the Kingdom here to Lords Justices as usual. his Speech thou wilt find in the Gentlemans Magazine herewith sent. the Acts passed this Sessions relating to the Plantations are the Iron Act & one for encouraging the growth & Culture of Raw Silk both which I also send thee.

I dont hear Dr Avery is come from Bath yet but is soon expected. The Treasury have not yet begun to pay any of the Canada Expedition Expence, but we are duly attending about it.

for further News be pleased to be referrd to the Prints herewith sent of which I desire thy acceptance. from

Thy assured Friend

17th D^{o} RICH^{D} PARTRIDGE

Dr Avery is come to Town from Bath

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Governour of Connecticutt Per Capt Evers

[Indorsed] Mr Partridges May 11 & 17 1750 rec^{d} 16th of 7^{br}

ELISHA WILLIAMS LETTER.

WESTMINSTER, Welbeck Street May 15th 1750

Gentlemen

My Packet by the Friendship Captn Sear Via New-Port of the 29th of March, with the Goods on o^{r} Joint Acco^{ts} I hope have safely reached you, and another since

Via Boston per Captn Spender. Having agreed on a Partnership in Trade and Settled a Correspondence wth Mr Sparrow, (wch I trust is agreeable to you), and as We are all of ye Mind, that it is best to make our returns as much as may be in what our own Country will produce, my Thoughts have run a little farther on ye Subject. Thô I hope not beyond what you will approve of. That it is best also to have o^r Merchandize carried in a Bottom of our own, & not have a double freight to pay, as We must while We are forced to send to Boston, or &c. first, & w^thall to make o^r Correspondents Interest Joint wth our own, as to making returns from our own Country. I have y^rfore thought it would be best to be concerned wth Him in owning a Vessel, that shall sail between this Place & N England, and whatever may hereafter be done by us in building in N England for such a purpose it is not now to be done. And He has now the principal Concern in a Snow of an 100 Tons Burthen (British built), wch I suppose is suitable for our Purpose. The Price of it is something under 600 Strling, as he has lately purchased ¾ of it, and presuming it will not be disagreeable to you, will take one half of it for us Jointly for ye Sum of 283 17 2. She is now on her Voyage to Seville Laden wth Wheat & Bale Goods, and Expected Back ye latter End of June or beginning of July, and on her return, I propose to put on Board ye Same, the Main of w^t I shall have to take Care of for the regiment, and get the rest of her Lading for N England on Freight, and go Home my self in her ye latter End of July or beginning of Augt unless you Insist on my staying to Petition the Parliament, for ye residue of o^r Pay. Tho' I would fain hope, that if o^r Friends here shall think it worth while to Petition, that I might return, & leave it with them to pursue it. For I sincerely wish to be at Home, and never more to have any concern with such, as either know not, or care not, for the Publick Good, or doing common Justice to Particulars, and really deserve not so good a Character as that of Deists. but to return, Mr Sparrow is willing to be concerned with us in ye Vessel and as he is a hearty Friend to N England, &

w^{d} gladly promote its trading Interest, I am willing to make an Essay, and tell Him I believe you will be of ye same opinion. as his Concern will be to get her Loaded here, and make ye best of what We shall send in her, so it will be ours to Load her in N England, Either directly for y^{s} place, Ireland, or some other Port & so here. With this View y^{r}fore I tell Him I shall now acquaint you wth the Proposal, and that you may have Time for preparing her Lading for this Port if it may be. I enclose an account of particulars more or less of wch may be wthin y^{r} Reach, to procure, together with the Prices, they may be expected to sell at, here, that you may govern y^{r} selves, as you shall Judge best. The Article of Tobacco, I Imagine w^{d} turn to account, If the whole Charge upon it to its being shipped, should be 12^{s} per lb. (thô I suppose it will not cost that) if it will Clear us 2^{d} per lb. (as probably it will more,) it will do. I have endeavoured to Inform my self from an Honest Tobacco Trader, & am satisfied, that such Tobacco as We call Good, will answer as above, as well as the Virginia. It must be of a good Colour, & pressed in a suitable Temper, not too moist, so as that it does not come out Black, (as what we send to the West Indies does.) Care must be taken in ye buying & packing of it, which must be done under your own Eyes, or by one whom you can Trust of Sterling Honesty. The Merchant tells me, He chooses it should not be tied up in Hands, but laid in single Leaves, & if it be bought tied up in hands, as our People are wont to do it, It is best to open the hands, and so let the Tobacco be put into the Cask in handfuls untied up, and by that Means the Packer may separate all that is bad. It is easy at first, to get our Wares a good repute. Care & Honesty will do it, but the Want y^{r}of prevents or Destroys ye Same, as has been ye Case with our Tarr & Turpentine. If 30 or 40 thousand w^{t} of such as I have described, should be procured, I hope it would be better for us than purchasing Bills of Exchange.

W^{t} such Staves as Described in ye List w^{d} Cost I know not, but as some Staves are always useful for filling up, &c.

in a Ship's Lading, I should think it worth while, to get some such at Least. If they are faithfully got as described, they will fetch more y^{n} ye Price Mentioned, as will ye ash oar Rafters. If ye Main of ye residue of ye Lading be made up of Rice or Logwood, to be procured at any other than our own Markets, you will have Time I suppose to Inform y^{r} selves about it, and secure ye same, if you Judge such articles will do. or if Rice can be purchased at Carolina wth what you can Command in N England you will Judge whether, it may be best to send a Vessel thither on such a Design, to bring it to you for lading y^{s} Vessel, or to send her there on a previous Certainty of such a Lading, & so sail from thence for y^{s} Port. I wish o^{r} Friends at Middleton (wth w^{m} Col. Pitkin as well as my self have been concerned) would make a Ton of Potash as good as they can, that it may be proved here. (Bristol w^{re} ye former small Quantity was sent, was ye wrong Place for ye Purpose) for if it be good I have no doubt by w^{t} I can learn, but that the Duty of what shall be made in the Plantations may be got off the next Parliament, which would surely prove of Future Benefit. If you cant make a Loading for this Port so as you shall Judge to be saving to us, you will then Think of procuring flax seed for Ireland (in wch Mr Cooke I believe could be serviceable) or Fish for ye Streights, or Wheat for Lisbon, or Loading the Vessel for ye West Indies, & so hither.

I know not but you may fault my Conduct in doing this, without y^{r} particular Direction, but the Consideration of carrying on a Trade here, and if Possible wth w^{t} we can Command in N England sent either directly here, or first Exchanged at some other Port, The advantage I supposed must accrue to us (or at least probably so) from our Correspondent being Joint owner wth us in ye Vessel, so much Money going out for freight if o^{r} Goods go in another Bottom, ye saving some Charge, if I go Home in ye same Vessel as I would willingly do, made me think on the whole it was best not to let ye opportunity slip, of taking Part of ye Vessel after Mr Sparrow had bought it, thô when He

bought, we neither of us had any thought of ye matter, and had he not Judged it a pennyworth, you may conclude he w^d^ not have purchased it. The Master of it, he esteems an honest sober Man from ye Experience he has had of him and unless I receive Counter orders from you, shall Endeav^r^ to put in Execution w^t^ I have proposed, & so shall hope to see you (God willing in Septemb^r^

I must desire Col. Trumble to Inform Col. Huntington or ye Widow Smith who gave me a Power of attorney, That she is entered in ye War office & is entituld so long as she remains a Widow, to 16£ Sterling per an̄. and y^t^ they always keep back 4 Months Pay in ye office. The Time of ye Entry on ye Books is Decemb^r^ 25th 1748. ye Date of her Evidence to her Being Ensign Smiths Widow is Octob^r^ 1749, so that the Pay of but 8 Months could be received for her. ye Charges & Fees I have paid Se^t^ £3.4 so that I have in my Hand for her £7.9. wch I purpose to lay out for her as well as I can, & carry over wth me. In ye Mean-Time, she must send over (as before) Evidences of her being Living & s^d^ Smiths Widow, and a Power of attorney to some other Person that may from Time to Time receive for her, (& I would advise to Mr Sam^ll^ Sparrow) and such Evidence should be sent every 4 Months, or she is in Danger of suffering Loss finally. as to ye aff^r^ of Spencer, I can now only farther Inform Col. Pitkin, That I have had ye Books &c. searched in ye Diocese of Winchester, w^th^in wch Charles Spencer Died, and no Will nor administration given to any one, on his Estate is to be found y^re^. The occasion of my sending there, being ye Entry found in M. Reynolds's Book who received the Money here & paid it out, (Now Dead, as I wrote before) "That Charles Spencer of ye Centurion, made a Will to one Richard Knapp at Havant near Portsmouth," That being ye proper office at Winchester, for ye Probate of ye Will. I y^r^fore got it done, & had ye return last Week as I have said, but as it is possible it may be registered in Doctors Commons, I shall w^th^out delay, search y^t^ office, and if I find nothing there wch I suspect is ye Case, I hope something may be got.

I wish I could tell you I had received ye Money for the regiment, my memorial for y^t Purpose Lies before ye L^ds of ye Treasury, as do also Memorials for ye Pay of ye other Colonys & y^ir forces, of the Money granted at ye same Time. We Live in hope of getting an Order for it, in a Little Time, but from w^t Fund y^y will order the pay We know not; & so as yet, are at all Uncertainties when We shall receive it. I have enclosed the Rolls of Sev^l of the Companys (the Desert^rs Excepted) wth ye Number of Days they are to have pay for, Se^t from the Time of their Enlistment to ye 31^t of Octob^r following, and half of the remaining time to y^ir Discharge or Death. the allowance is 1^s/ for a Serj^t 8^d for a Corporal & Drummer & 6^d per Diem for a Private Man. From wch a Deduction must be made of 12^d on ye pound for Poundage, one Days Pay in ye Year for Chelsea Hospital, & 2^d per pound, for agency wch on the whole will make Nearest ye deduction of a half penny on Every Eight pence, but as y^rs is & will be more Necessary Charge upon it before We can get the Money, and how much that will be is Impossible for me to tell, until I shall have got the Money. y^rfore I could not make up a Pay roll Exactly, but suppose that a Deduction of one Penny on the shilling, may answer for ye whole of all stoppages at ye Pay office, & other Charges above mentioned, and then there must be ye Deduction from such Mens particular Acc^ts as have retained y^ir Arms, viz. for a Cartridge Box, 1^s 10^d 2, for a Cutlas 5^s, for a Gun, £1.5.0. Sterling wch is ye rate of Exch: y^y have set them, viz. 8 for one, and then the remainder will be the Soldiers Due, Sterling, but then at what rate you will pay them is beyond me to say. I understand the Kings soldiers, at Louisbourg & now at Chebucta, are paid a Dollar, (wch at ye height goes not beyond 4/6 in Value) for five shillings sterling, or in other Words, there is 2^s/ in ye Pound, deducted for answering the Charge of getting it there. and if that be Just, We surely may conclude, That if over & above ye penny on ye shilling before mentioned, (together wth ye before mentioned sums f^r arms where they have been w^thheld), 2^s/ in

ye pound be deducted, for all other Necessary Charges Insurance of ye Money over freight &. (wch is agreeable to ye Kings pay at Jebucto,) wont be thought unreasonable. and then ye remainder, I am willing to pay them according, to ye Exchange; (wch w^t it is whether 9 or 10 for one I know not.) In wch Case y^ir Pay (I mean as to Time for wch y^y are paid) will be better than ye best of the Massachusetts was. I would give no occasion of offence, but do Justice as Near & as Well as I could, and am ready to Think, such as above proposed ye Men will be Content withal, Especially if you advance the pay for them Even before we receive the Money here. But as I doubt Not you will aim at doing what is right & Just, so I Leave it wth you to do the best you can. If Col. Talcot & Captn Church who expect to pay their Men who have not sold, should be of y^s opinion wth you (as I have proposed) it will facilitate ye affair, but if Either of them, (for any reasons) should make better pay to y^ir Men, it may give uneasiness to others, so that you will doubtless think proper to Confer with them on ye subject. I would farther propose your sending to ye Capt^ns of the Companys whose Men you will pay, to Inform you of any Demands they may have on those Soldiers, for any thing they have supplied them withall, or advanced to them as pay for Wages, that so you may do such officer Justice in stopping it from ye Soldiers Wages (wth his Consent) for such officer. Such a Method I think must be unexceptionable, and a desire also that the Capt^ns w^d Inform you ye Names of the Individuals, who have w^thheld their Arms or any p^t of them. I have an Account under the Maj^rs Hand as to his Company. Coppy of wch I could give you, if he Cant supply it. as for Captn Halls you want none from Him, for none of y^t Company delivered up any. as to Captn Starr's whose Brother I suppose may have paid off some Sold^rs I would act as tenderly towards as may be, and hope it may be best to Let Him have the Paying of such as shall not have sold y^ir Wages, before the Pay be received & Carried over, wch probably may Leave not many. Let me Mention one Thing more, & so shall put a Period to this

Long Letter, & y^{t} is, that you take a receipt from Every one you pay of in full of his Wages of what is already Granted by Parliament. Perhaps you will think best to keep a Book for y^{t} Purpose, & keep Each Companys receipts by y^{m}selves, for I know not, but I shall be Liable to report for all, to Exhibit receipts as my Vouchers, for ye Pay of y^{t} Money, &c.

I flattered my self you see in ye beginning of my Letter wth my getting Home in Septemb^{r} but it was on supposition of getting ye Money before, wch I hope for, but as I finished ye last Paragraph, Dr Avery came to see me who is just come home from Bath, w^{re} he had been wth his Lady ab^{t} 6 Weeks. He came now from Mr Pelhams, w^{re} he had been to see after ye Louisbourg Money, an order for the Payment of wch ye King had signed, some time ago, but he can get none yet. Some of the Kings Ships are lately arrived from ye East Indies, who press hard for y^{ir} Pay wch is made a handle off, for Delay. Shifts of Various Kinds for Delay I expect. ye D^{r} tells me He had y^{re} Information, That the Govern^{r} of Jamaica, & assembly y^{re} have Exhibited a Grievous Complaint ag^{t} ye Plantations, but Especially against Connecticut, for an Illicit Trade y^{y} carry on wth the French, to ye great Damage of ye English Islands. The best News I can now tell you is, That Mr Shirley begins to sink in ye Esteem of ye Ministry, *I.E.* to speak as near the Thing as one may, He has done a dirty Job for them, & so served y^{ir} purpose, and now y^{y} find twill not prove an Easy Matter to keep up his reputation, y^{y} will let Him sink, whether they thought before he was a Man of Probity, I leave, but the Prime Minister has now said (*I.E.* Mr Pelham,) That he is not a *Man of Probity*. Col. Waldo's aff^{rs} wth Him y^{t} made so much Noise in N England, are now about to open, and Waldo, who is Indefatigable in his pursuit & fixed on his ruin, Sais to Me He shall surely do his Business, & Contribute not a Little He Thinks in helping us to our Money which they have cutt off, If we will Petition the Parliament for it. how that may be, Time will Discover. but as I mention^{d} in my Last, to you, o^{r} assem-

bly's petitioning the Parliament in behalf of ye regiment, & declaring in y^ir fav^r, wth respect to y^ir Act wch has hurt us, w^d have great weight, so I cant but speak it again, That I wish it might be done, thô perhaps y^s may reach you w^n it is too late y^s Session if it be not done. as for y^r getting Coppys from ye Massachusetts records of y^ir putting an End to ye Pay for billetting y^ir Sold^rs wch I mentioned in my last, y^r Labour in y^t respect may be saved, Mr Jer. Allen having brought over all ye Printed Votes of y^ir assembly, & Shirleys speeches, for many years together, on purpose to lay open (as he thinks) some scenes of his Iniquity, wch at least may serve my purpose, in y^t particular. I wish to hear something from you, that may be refreshing, and Conclude this wth my Compliments to you & y^r Ladies, & other Good Friends,

Who are y^r Faithful Friend &c.

E. WILLIAMS.

Please to give Hearty Love to my Brother & his.

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS.*

LONDON Welbeck Street May 26th 1750

Dear Brother

I wish I had any agreeable News to tell You besides that of my being in Health (thro' Divine Goodness)—The Parliament tis true has made a Grant of Pay (cutting off from my regiment ye half of ye last Year agreable to ye report made by ye Lords of ye Treasury—and would have granted ye Whole as freely—had the report been So made.) When I shall get ye Money, or Mr Bethel for Col. Durgee (for both will I Suppose be obtained at ye Same Time) I know Not, but Live in hope to get it So as that I may return (God Willing) in ye Fall. I have y^r Excellent S—y to thank for this Injustice—and had I not come ye whole last Year I doubt not had been cut off. He has done a dirty

*Elisha Williams had two brothers, William of Pittsfield, Mass., and Solomon of Lebanon, Conn. This letter was evidently written to the one who was a resident of Massachusetts.

Job for a Ministry—whose least concern I believe is that of Doing Justice. but tis more than probable They will Let Him Sink ere Long under the Weight of his own Crimes. I Leave Him—and Know my Present Work is Patience because it must be So—So long as I am dependent on ye Pleasure of such a M—y— but a better phaps is not to be looked for till The Nation, Sunk in Wickedness, Shall become better. what you have Sent Mr Bollan over I cant conceive (Indeed tis not my Business) I cant Learn he has done any thing as Yet or that he has any Special Interest.

If you have a Seat in y^r^ House of Commons, I heartily Wish if y^re^ be an opportunity for it That you w^d^ Endeav^r^ The People at Newbury who have once & again been denied May be relieved and not Suffer y^r^ Cause to come here as I percieve it will if y^y^ are not relieved. tis pitty ye Nakedness of o^r^ Country should be Exposed, and any handle given to those here who Love us is Not to do us hurt which will doubtless be ye Event If it be not Timely prevented. I add not, but Duty, & Love as Due

and that I am y^r^

Affectionate B^r^

E: WILLIAMS.

ABIEL WALLEY TO JOSEPH PITKIN.

BOSTON May 29th 1750

*S^r^*

Yesterday arrived a Ship from London, by whom I had a Packet, in which came the Inclos'd from Coll^o^ Williams He desires me to forward, I now Send them by Mr Porter of Windsor, desiring your Conveying them as directed

Y^r^ Humble Servt

ABIEL WALLEY

Coll^o^ JOSEPH PITKIN

THOMAS HILL TO GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate.

WHITEHALL, May 29th 1750.

Gentlemen;

Three Acts having been passed in the last Session of Parliament, wherein the British Plantations are concern'd vizt

An Act for extending and improving the Trade to Africa;

An Act for encouraging the Growth and Culture of Raw Silk in His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America;

An Act to encourage the Importation of Pig & Bar Iron from His Majesty's Colonies in America; and to prevent the Erection of any Mill or other Engine for Slitting or Rolling of Iron; or any Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer; or any Furnace for making Steel in any of the said Colonies.

I am directed by my Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations to send you the inclosed Printed Copies* of them for your Information and Government in the several matters therein contain'd

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt humble Servt

THOS HILL

P. S. As to the last mentioned Act, to encourage the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron, I am further directed to recommend to you a punctual Compliance therewith, and in particular that you do immediately transmit to their

* Copies of the three acts here mentioned, separately issued and each bearing an endorsement in Governor Law's handwriting, and presumed to be the identical copies sent by Secretary Hill to the Colony of Connecticut are in the library of this Society. Each was printed in London in 1750. As this "duplicate" letter was not received until after Governor Law's death these printed acts evidently accompanied the first copy of the letter, which was received in time to lay the acts before the October session of the General Assembly by which they were ordered to be reprinted. A copy of the reprint issued, with a single title page, at New London by Timothy Green in 1751, in an edition of 200 copies, is also in the Society's library.

Lordships Certificates under your hand & Seal of Office, containing an Account of every Mill or Engine for Slitting & rolling of Iron and every Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer; and every Furnace for making Steel at the time of the Commencement of this Act erected in your Government, expressing also in the said Certificate such of them as are used, and the Name or Names of the Proprietor or Proprietors of each such Mill, Engine, Forge, and Furnace, and the Place where each such Mill, Engine, Forge and Furnace is erected, and the Number of Engines, Forges & Furnaces in your Government; And you are to take especial care that if after the time limited by the said Act any Mill or other Engine for Slitting or rolling of Iron, or any plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making Steel, shall be erected or continued within your Government, you do cause the same to be abated within the time and in the manner prescribed by the said Act.

T. H.

Govr & Company of Connecticut.

[Indorsed by Roger Wolcott] Mr Secret^y Hill May 29 1750 recd December 14 1750 Respecting Engines for plateing Iron or Makeing steell

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS TOUSEY.

MILFORD June 9th 1750

S^r

I desire you would inform me of the Sum sterling you sent to Esqr Palmer and of the Evidence you have of his receiving it, and whether you have received any thing of him of what remain'd in his Hands since your Business was over, and as you proposed to me, to discount what was remaining in his hands; if you have not paid into the Treasury the Money lent you, this may Give a good Oppertunity for it. Esqr Palmers Ex^rs make demand of the whole Expence as if nothing had been paid him.

Now is the Time for settling that Affair and others with Esqr Palmers Ex^{rs} and I would therefore have you bring or send me the best intelligence you can; that I may be able to instruct Esqr Partridge our Agent to make up our accounts with them. What you have wrote to Mr Palmer relating thereto let me know it.

I Subscribe your humble
Servant & faithfull friend
JONTH LAW

THOMAS TOWSEY Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS FITCH.

MILFORD June 11th 1750

Sir

This comes to inform you that the Assembly have appointed and Desired You and me Forthwith to State the Case and prepare the Evidence relating to the Settlement of the Divisional line between this Colony & the Massachusetts in pursuance of the May Act that the same may be sent to our agent which I desire you would forthwith Attend upon, if your state of health will admitt of it.

I have att New Haven rec^{d} a paquett from Mr Partridge giving an Acc^{tt} of the Parliaments granting pay to the Regiment & for our Canada Disbursements the amount in the whole of about 17000 £ Curtail'd

In great haste I subscribe
Your humble Servt
JONTH LAW

THOMAS FITCH Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of A Letter to Coll Fitch & one to Thomas Towsey Esqr June 11th 1750

THOMAS FITCH TO JONATHAN LAW.

NORWALK June 12th 1750

S^{r}

Your Honours by Mr Baldwin Rec^{d} this Morning and in Obedience to your Order should have Directly waited on

Your Hon^{r} but had before appointed a Journey to Kent which I am this Day to Set out upon and cannot well omit And therefore hope you will excuse me till my Return after which as soon as I can Shall Endeavour to Attend the Business Your Hon^{r} mentioned. I am with Great Respect Your Honours most obedient

and Humble Servant

THO^{S} FITCH

Honourable JONTH LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honourable JONTH LAW Esqr Govr of the Colony of Connecticut at Milford.

[Indorsed] Coll^{l} Fitche's June 1750.

JONATHAN LAW TO ELIAKIM PALMER'S EXECUTORS.

MILFORD June 19 1750

Gentlemen

By yours of ye 28th of May 1749 I rec^{d} the Melancholly Acc^{t} of ye death of our late worthy Agent Eliakim Palmer Esqr wherein you signifyd to me that you would send me an Acct of his disbursements for this Colony, which I have never yet received and am sorry the Affairs of this Gov^{t} should have been in so much danger of suffering beyond what you represented to me, for want of the necessary papers in your hands had not a Samaritan put to his helping hand, and it was to our Disadvantage to doubt of our Ingenuity and represent us to have improved a Gentleman so long a time at his own Expence without making any Satisfaction for the Expences on our Acc^{t} when he had rec^{d} 69^{lb} of Mr Wilks's Ex^{rs} our former Agent as you will see by a Copy of his Acc^{t} wch he sent me with a Ballance in our favour and his Salery constantly paid to his Correspondents att Boston Me^{srs} Balston and Palmer according to his Order and 400^{lb} our Currency granted after his death and by me sent Messrs Balston and Palmer before ye Acc^{t} came of his Decease, Creditt for which you should give us unless it appear for ye year preceeding of which I shall endeavor to know the Certainty, and now having directed

Mr Richard Partridge to pay you the Ballance of our Accounts on his our Agents doing of which you are desird and hereby Ordered to deliver up to him all the Letters and papers in your hands that concern this Govt and pray you would believe the Reason why we did not make Remittances for further Expences was our constant expectation he gave us of his receiving our Cape Britton money and its beyond me to account for your setting us in so bad a Light if you receivd my Letter dated att New haven October 1749 wherein it was desird you would forward Mr Palmers Acct with the Colony and what shall be found due to Mr Palmers Estate will be punctually discharged. this is the needfull from

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

The Exrs of Eliakim Palmer Esqr decd

JONATHAN LAW TO ELISHA WILLIAMS.

MILFORD June 19th 1750.

Sr

I am favourd with yours of the 26th of febr last Exrs dont alwayes derive the good Nature and Ingenuity of their Testatrs Mr Palmer sent an Acct of his Disbursements with Mr Sharps Acct after Clark and Towsey's Case was finished with the Creditt of 69lb St. which he recd on the Colonies Acct of Mr Wilks's Exrs and the Ballance in our favour was 4–15–9.

Since wch the Warr Affair and the Merchants Bill in Parliament have happened but ye Encouragement given of a Reimbursement of the Cape Bretton Expences represented it not needfull to make Remittances to him seeing he sent no further Acct of his Imbursements and his Salery was steadily paid by his Order to Messrs Balston and Palmer his Correspondents, when the true State of the Affair shall be understood (I would hope) the good Light we stood in (as Mr Bollen once our Antagonist and others have represented) will not be extinguished, thô Mr Shirley has given a handle

to curtail our Expences and your Wages a little yet I suppose it to fall heavier on his own Gov^{t}.

By Mr Partridge's of ye 3^{d} of April I am Informd that £5045–19–10½ is allowd for cloathing and Arms 5291–15–3 for the Regiment and also 6594–3–1¼ beside Pilots Wages making in the whole 17191–15–8½ which he supposes will be ready to be paid in a little time and a Warrant was granted for the payment of the Cape Britton Expences.

I am also desird by the Assembly to signify to you the gratefull Sence they have of the good Services you have done for this Colony and granted a Bill of Exchange for 25^{lb} Sterling on Dr Avery and I have accordingly sign'd 3 Bills and deliverd y^{m} to your Son.

I subscribe

your obedient humble Serva

J L

Coll^{l} Elisha Williams.

[Indorsed] Copy Letter to Coll^{l} Williams June 19 1750.

JONATHAN LAW TO BENJAMIN AVERY.

Milford June 19th 1750

S^{r}

Yours of ye 17th of Feb^{r} last I rec^{d} which I comunicated to our Assembly whereupon they made choice of Mr Richard Partridge for y^{r} Agent and did by a Resolve desire and direct me to draw a Sett of three Bills of Exchange for the Sum of three hundred pounds Sterling on Dr Benjamin Avery payable to Mr Richard Partridge and that should advise you of it, to enable the s^{d} Mr Partridge to discharge his Obligation on our Behalf to the Executors of our late worthy Agent Mr Palmer and to transact the Affairs of this Colony at the Court of great Britain and that you would charge s^{d} Bill to the Acc^{t} of this Colony for the Sterling money in your hands allowed for reimbursing the Expences of s^{d} Colony in the taking and securing Cape Britton and to inform you That the Silver is lodged in our Treasury for sinking and discharging so many of our outstanding Bills

of Creditt as amounts to that Sum̄ of 300lb Sterling And that I should signify to you, the gratefull sense the Goverment hath of your Willingness to advance our Interest and the Care you have taken of it, althô your stated business layeth you under a Necessity of refusing the Agency of this Colony, yet that they earnestly desire your kind Offices and favour on our behalf both in our Religious and civil Interests.

I am also to advise you of a Sett of three Bills of Exchange I have drawn on you payable to Coll[l] Williams for twenty five pounds Sterling by a Resolve of the Assembly to be paid out of the money aforesd and to place it to ye Colonies Acct and that there is a sufficiency of Silver lodg'd in the Treasury, for [ ]and dischargi[ng so] many of our Bill[s] of Cre[ ]
[ ]

After which I received your Letter of
wherein you informd of your having Opportunity to consider our Circumstances with the Gentlemen of your Comtee who advisd to one Mr Storks to be our Agent a very worthy Gentleman I doubt not but the business was done before it came on your Recom̄endation of Coll[l] Williams to Mr Partridge who in your Opinion was a man of Integrity and Capacity and of long Experience in things of this nature, whom Coll[l] Williams confirmed every way to answer the Carecter you had given of him.

By a Letter from Mr Partridge on the 3d of April I understand a Warrant was made out for they payment of the Cape Britton money to your self who happend then to be gone down to the Bath so am in continual Expectation of hearing from you That you have recd it

I am sorry Mr Palmers Exrs did not know of the 60lb recd of Mr Wilks's Exrs and that by my last Acct from Mr Palmer the ballance was 4–15–9 in our favour and that had he sent an Acct of his Expences bringing us into Arrears with him, we should have made Remittances thô the constant Expectation of moneys coming into his hands for the Cape Britton Reimbursements might make him and us less

thôtfull about it I hope our Reputation will be repaired when Circumstances are known and rightly considered, his Salery was constantly paid according to his Direction and tho it were small yet it was pretty near equal to ye Govrs Allowance* to Messrs Balston and Palmer att Boston.

I am Sr &c.

JONTH LAW.

Dr Benjn Avery.

[Indorsed] Copy of Letter to Doc. Benjamin Avery June 19th 1750.

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS FITCH.

Milford June 22d 1750.

Sr

I am afraid you are sick, not seeing nor hearing from you hope you will soon come or send Mr Brown otherwise I am not under Advantage to state the Case abt the divisional Line and a little loss of time the first Opportunity wch I must improve on other Accts

I have just now recd a Copy of ye Acct carryd in to Parliament and there accepted our Demands much curtaild 6 months taken off of the Regiment's Service.

the Post waiting

I Subscribe

Your humble Servant

JONTH LAW.

Colll Thoms Fitch Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll Fitch June 22 1750

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

London 4th mō: or June 23d 1750

Govr Law

My last to thee was of 2d mō: the 3d which hope thou hast recd since that I suppose Dr Avery may have writ thee. As there is now a Ship Bound to Boston I was not

*The preceding words beginning with "and" are crossed out.

willing to omit writing thee a few lines to let thee know that the Lords of the Treasury have not yet begun to pay any of the Canada Exped^{n} Money since the rising of the Parliam^{t} (which was upwards of 2 mō^{s} since & Soon after that the King set out for Hannover) but we are in hopes the Paym^{t} of the Money will be ordered shortly as the Lords of the Regency have Signed a Warrant for it.

I Suppose Dr Avery has rec^{d} your Cape Breton money being £28863:19:1. I having carried him the Order for it on the Excheq^{r} from the Treasury about a month since but the Fees & civil list money to be deducted thereout amounts to upwards of Eight hundred Pounds, & as for the £5045.19.10½ allowed for Arms & Cloathing of the Connec^{t} Regm^{t} he refuses to concern himself about it and therefore it must remain till further Orders from Your Colony for the receiving that money. as before advised thee, & as for the money granted for the Pay of Col^{o} Williamss Regim^{t} (as has been also already wrote thee) we are in hopes the Treasury will not Scruple the Col^{os} Authority for receiving & giving a Discharge for it, but yet we are not certain how that will be till the time of Paym^{t} comes on. I know nothing but he is well.

I am with due respects
Thy assured Friend
RICH^{D} PARTRIDGE.

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt. via N. castle per Capt Peakes.
[Indorsed] Agent Partridges of June 23 1750 rec^{d} 7^{br} 14.

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD June 25th 1750

S^{r}

I have a Copy of the Canada Account liquidated accepted by Parlament in which is allowed to the Regiment before the furlow, 5291–15–3 and half pay afterwards, 6594–3–4¼ to the Colony for Cloathing, Arms, Amunition, and Stores, 5045–19–10½ to the Pilot 259–17–6, in the whole 17191–15–8½.

In order to Settle Acct^{s} with Mr Palmers Ex^{rs} I want to know whether the Last Salery granted after his Death was for the year past or to come or half past and half to come which I suppose the Records may Shew on due Observation and you may Certify as also Copies of the Records from Balston and Palmer lodged in your office or a Certificate of them.

I also want attested Copies of the Acts of our Assembly relative to the Divisional line between Massathusets and us. and of the memorial of the four Towns I have sent by an Express and since by the Comon Post for Coll^{o} Fitch but he is not Come I fear he is sick I am directed to state the Case by his assistance till which is done I cant know the Evidence wanted to support it.

I should be obliged to you for a Copy of the Act of Assembly about our seperate Society. Inform the Bearer when Capt Talcott is likely to Sail.

I am Sr Your Friend and Servant

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Secry Wyllys June 25 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO RICHARD PARTRIDGE.

MILFORD June 25th 1750

Sir

I herewith inclose to you the Act of our Assembly appointing You to be their Agent as also a Letter of Procuration.

And an Act appointing you to be their Agent or Attorney for Supplicating for and Recieving their Mony for the Reimbursment of their Expences on the proposed Expedition against Canada, and a power of Attorny for Asking recieving and Discharging the Same

Also a Copy of a Resolve of our Assembly desiring me to draw a Sett of three Bills of Exchange on Doct^{r} Benjamin Avery for three hundred pounds Sterling payable to your Self, together with a Bill of Exchange for it, to enable you to discharge Your Obligation to Esqr Palmers Executors and to Transact the affairs of this Colony

Also a Resolve Signifying the Grateful Sense they have of Your Readiness to Assist Coll[l] Williams, and Undertake in behalf of the Colony, desiring Your Acceptance of the Agency and Continuance of Your care and Vigilance in the Affairs of the Colony, and that You would adjust and Settle the Colonys Acc[ts] with M[r] Palmers Executors, Observing the Information I shall Give You relating thereto; and in order to it, I inclose a Copy of M[r] Palmers Acc[tt] bearing date August 1st 1745 which Acknowledges the Receit of 69£ of the Exec[trs] of M[r] Wilks which Mony lay in their hands also a Copy of M[r] Sharps Acc[tt] the one half of which he Charg'd on the Colony there then Remaining in his hands of the 69£ but £4.15.9 in our favour and More Mony Would have been remitted to him had it not been for the Continual Expectation of a Reimbursment of our Cape Breton Expences; And Since Clark & Towseys Case was over, I dont Remember any other Business has happened besides the Warr affair and the Bill in Parliament Set forward by the Merchants against paper Currency, his Salery was paid by his Order to Mess[rs] Balston & Palmer att Boston as ℘ their Rec[ts] may appear, and last may was twelve Month, after his Decease a Salery of £400 Currency was Granted and paid as ℘[r] M[r] Balstons Letter of July 22[d] 1749 will appear, for which I Suppose we ought to have Creditt, Seeing he was dead before it was Granted, and was paid to his Corespondents, whom he made his Excecu[rs].

M[r] Palmers Executors (who had Signifyed to me they would Send a Copy of the Acc[tt] but never Came to my hand) did not observe any Creditt Given to the Colony when they oblig'd You to give Your note for the Ballance in order to obtain the Necessary papers of them, as has been hinted to me by Coll[ll] Williams, it Contain'd the whole Expence he had been at from the beginning of his Agency which You will enquire into and the Just ballance Creditt being Given for the 69£ receiv'd of M[r] Wilks Excect[rs] &c, and what may be reasonable, You will pay out of the 300£ You Shall recieve of the D[r] and place it to the Colonys Acc[t] as also the Mony you have Advan'd on the Affairs of the

Colony, and you will Send me a Copy of the Whole Acct that I may Make Some Judgment, where to Stop in Signg Bills of Exchange. Twenty five pounds Sterling is Given to Collll Williams for which I have drawn three Bills of Exchange on Dr Avery in Lieu Whereof we have appropriated So much Silver in our Treasury for Sinking as much of our Outstanding Bills.

I have also to Communicate to You a Difficulty which has happen'd between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay about the Divisional Line; as I understand it the Massachusetts being bounded on the South with a due West line to be drawn three miles South of the most Southern part of Charles's River, and ours bounded North on the Massachusetts, that Governt did ex parte improve one Woodward & Saffery to run their line on the South who erected a Station three miles South of a Pond which Sometimes buseth (?) over and emptyeth into Charles River, which Pond lyeth three or four Miles South of any part of Sd River, which line being as Aforesd left Some part of the Townshipp of Windsor one of our most Antient Townships Granted and Settled by the Government of Connecticutt to the Northward of Sd Line, whereupon Quarrills and Contentions arose between the Borderers of each Government.

Upon which in 1713 Commisrs were appointed by both Government to run & Ascertain the Line who did agree to run the line from Woodwards and Safferys Station and in Case any Lands were Granted by Either Government beyond their Line an Equivalent Should be Given for it, but if any Town were Settled by Either Governt beyond their Line that it Should remain in the Jurisdiction of the Government which Settled them and on running this Line it was found that Woodstock, Infield, Suffield, and part of Springfield and Westfield were South of Sd Line which agreement was Accepted by both Governts but when the Inhabitants found it was never Confirm'd by the Royal Authority, depended upon it that no Authority Could be Given by this Government to that to Govern them they laid

Claim to the Priviledges of this Government and prefered their Memorial to this Government as you will find a Copy of it inclos'd, and at length obtain'd an Act which they Esteem'd in their Favour, a Copy whereof is inclos'd, pursuant whereunto the Assembly att Boston refused to Joyn us with Commis^rs as ℔ Copy of their Act inclosed.

Yet hav^g Since appointed Comm^srs to treat about the four Towns in Controversy and propos'd time and place for their Meeting as you may See by a Copy of their Act inclosed, on which any further Motion was delayed; I observ'd the Difficulty to them desir'd their Compliance in Giving equal powers with ours to which I have had no Answer, whereupon our Assembly have desir'd & directed me to proceed to State the Case and desire you to petition his Majesty to appoint Com^srs to run and Ascertain the Line Accord^g to the Charters as you may See by a Copy of the Act of Assembly in May herewith inclos'd together with the case Stated and the Evidences to Support it. I have also received a Letter from Govr Green* Accompanying an Act of their Assembly for running the Line ex parte on the Massachusetts Refusal to Joyn them, wherein he desires this Government to Joyn and Assist, of which I Suppose You will be advis'd from that Government and in Case the Massachusetts have Gotten further Southard from Charles's River than they ought, it will carry the Massachusetts further Northward than a Line drawn as Afores^d Called Woodward & Safferys, which will enure to a little Enlargement of both Governments to the Gratification of the Borderers Who are So fond of the Priviledges of these two Southern Governments.

I had the Fav^r of yours of the 16th of Febr^y last and Your Duplicate of the 3^d of April with the Magazines and Newspapers for which I give you hearty thanks as also my Lord of Londons Letter and Since Your Paquett by way of Rhoad island

As to a Solicitor it has been always at the Discretion of our Agent, only Mr Sharpe (I think) was recommended to

*William Greene, governor of Rhode Island.

Dr Avery as a Gentleman whose Services had been to Good Satisfaction who Signified to me that as he Always had been So he Always would be in the Interest of this Colony.

I also inclose an Order to Esqr Palmers Executors desiring them to deliver to You as our Agent all the Letters and papers which Concern this Government and were lodged in the hands of Esqr Palmer.

Least I Should Fail of Stating the Case and Sending the Evidence relating to it by Means of the Sickness of the Gentlemen appointed to Assist me in it, I would repeat the Caution, I Sent Mr Palmer & Dr Avery to delay the Confirmation of the Agreement in 1713 made by the Comsrs and approved by the two Governments, 'till we may be heard upon it if the Massachusetts Should make any Motion for it.

And least part of my Letters (as is reported) Should be Sent Home to Shew no Disposition in us to the Contrary, I Send Copys of them at large.

As for the Bill intituled an Act for the Encouraging the importation of Pigg & Barr Iron &c. to remove one Difficulty by Introducing a Greater in the Room of it Gives no Great Encouragment, and it Seems that for the Same reason, that one mill or Engine for the better improvement of the Countrys produce may be putt down, another may also All mines mineralls &c are Granted to us Exceptg one fifth part of the Oar of Gold and Silver a like attempt was made in the Reign of King George the first, by the Disposition of a Gentleman in London to engross the whole Manufactg of Iron and putting the Plantations under the Circumstances of the Children of Israel when They had no Smiths but it was happily put by as too Great a Burden for a Free people to Sustain. An Encouragement for the raising of Silk in the Plantations is that which I have labour'd Much, as You May See in my Letters to Esqr Palmer if You have the opportunity, and will take the Trouble, and would hope it may not be put into the Same Predicament, with the Iron Works or any other Discouragment.

I observe in the Acctt of the Expences incurr'd in the intended Expedition an Allowance to the Pilott and Nothing

to any Transports to be Pilotted, the Colonys Expenses Exceedingly Curtail'd, & no Allowance made for Transports Ministers Doctrs or Commissary or one to take Care of the Regiments Stores.

The pay to the Regiment as Computed by Mr Palmer was £23449 Sterling Now abated to £11885 18 4½ the Cloathing Arms Ammunition & Stores were also Computed at £6746 13 4 & our Acct of about 66000£ Currency Annexed thereto, Reduced to 5045 19 10½ Sterling, So that £30195 13 4 Sterling & about £66000 Currency was abated to 17191 15 8½ Sterling.

By the Furlow we happily eas'd the Crown on the Acct of the Wages to 5943 1[ ] and we only Saved to ourselves the Charge of Billeting a 1000 Men one Year.

It therefore Seems Something hard for this Government who only have taken Such Measures as So much abate the National Debt Should have Greater abatemts Made on their Expences than their Neighbours not more Loyal than they; And Notwithstanding their Noble Lordships were So Strongly bent on Savings to the Crown Yet a little Respect methinks ought to be had to those that were Carefull of Enhancing the National Debt and by that Means Sav'd the Crown more Mony than was Granted them and not make a Saving out of those only, who only had Sav'd the Crown and here observe that all other Governments have their Wage for their Forces allow'd 'till October 1747 ours only Excepted, who were under as Good Circumstances for his Majesties Service as they were, Yet a Fair opportunity is Given for ours being reduced to half pay during the Furlow as Officers are at home when the Warrs are over

but that we who were bound in obedience to his Majesties Command to raise the Men Should loose the bounty Given, (without which it would not Answer) to encourage it, as his Majesty Always do's when ever he has Occasion to Raise Volunteers Which here was 4£ Sterling a man and be at the charge of Transports Provisions, and other Necessaries Seems very hard, and no Staff officers allow'd for,

when Such Allowance is Made to a Pilott I Cant Account for, as they were all of them Actually in the Service & Improvment of his Majesty.

Indeed when I look back on former proceedings it Seems Evident, that our Country has never been putt upon assisting the Crown on any Expedition that has not by Some Means or Other been defeated to our Impoverishment and the Great abatement of the Growth of our Country; And when any Expedition has been Undertaken at the Meer Instance of our own Government, we find by unhappy Experience tho attended with Success, that it hath turn'd out Much to our Disadvantage, Yet I would not despair of Success in an Essay for an Augmentation, and leave it wholly to the Probabil[ ] You who are on the Spott may have of Succeding therein, & in Relyance on Your Care & Prud[ ]

I Assure You I am Your Faithful
Friend & humble Servt
J L

To Richard Partridge Esqr
August 22d

P: S: I have not as Yet been Able to State the Case about the Divisional Line and procure the Evidence to Establish it, the Controversy Subsisting about fourty Years before the partial incompleat & Mistaken Agreement in 1713 & must delay it 'til after the Sessions in October. however I have Sent You a Duplicate of What I sent ye Capt Talcott, which hope May have arriv'd Safe to Your hand by this time, I have also inclos'd to You a Second Bill of Exchange on Dr Avery for the £300 to You granted for the purposes before Mentioned.

I have Sent again to our Secretary, who being Much indispos'd recieved Nothing in Writing from him; but by what I can learn the Case was thus Mr Palmer being appointed in October 1742, in October 1743 his Salary was Granted for the Year past, and Always after it was Granted for the Currant Year (i e) beginning in October preceeding, then it will follow that the last Grant of 400£ Compre-

hended half a Year after his Death and Should be Considered accordingly.

Yet notwithstanding I have Reciev'd from Mr Balston a Petition, Sign'd by Mr Palmer of Boston to our Assembly for a Gratuity for Agent Palmer Good Services which I Shall lay before them.

Yours of the 11th & 17th May I Recd and give You thanks, but dont find the Acts of Parliament abt Iron, nor that abt Silk which You Signify'd You had inclos'd but the Iron act, I have rec'd from the D: Bedford I have also recd a Letter from Coll1 Talcott by which he informs me that on the 27th of May his Friend Mr Lane of London told him that D Avery inform'd him, he had recd the Mony granted on the Acct of C: Breton

Concerng ye Iron act two Constructions are putt upon it, one is that its levell'd against all Engines their Enumerated, the other is that its only against Such as Should be erected after the 24th of June, one Exposeth me to the Informer the other to the Proprietor, Some Say the word (or) is Disjunctive, and then they read it Shall Either Erect or Continue Such Engine & the word (Such) has reference to the Engine and not to the time of its Erection, and it had been Easy to have Excepted those which were Erected before 24th of June & in the Margin, its Said, no Mill &c to be erected or Continued in America. Others Say the Word (or) is Copulative and taken for (and) and the Relative (Such) referrs to the time of Erection, and not to the kind of Engine and then they read it thus that no Mill & so forth Shall be Erected after the 24th of June 1750 & Continued & the obligation of the Govr &c to Give a Particular acct of Every Mill &c at the time of the Commencement of this Act erected in his Colony Expressing also Such of them as are Used and the names of the Proprietors of Each Such Mill &c & the Place where Such Mill &c is Erected & the Number of Engines, Forges & Furnaces in Sd Colony Could be to no purpose if they were to be demolished, as well as those which Should be erected after 24th of June as the Sign upon the Door posts of the Children of

Israel. Whereupon I crave Your Advice for "Incidet in Scyllam Qui Vult Vitare Charybdim" The Addition or Omission of a word or two Would have made it intelligible to me in Either Constructions design'd

The Acts of the last Parliament are highly applauded, & I am well Perswaded That the Iron act is well Calculated for the Present Benefitt of London and the Plantat[ ] in as much as the Former may want Emp[ ]ment when the latter wants hands & Ski[ ] So that the Charge of Transportation will be abundantly recompenced by the More Expeditious & better Manufacturing that Usefull Mettal at Home than can be here in many Generations.

As I find by the little Quantity of Silk raisd in my own Family and Sent home to be Manufactured Yet we dont affect old Master C[ ]vers Charge to his School boys never to go into Water 'till they had learnt to Swim

J L

[Indorsed by Law] Copy of a Letter to Agent Partridge June 25 [ ] 22d 1750

GEORGE WYLLYS TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD June 27th 1750

Sr

My Indisposition for near a ffortnight has been such, that I have hardly been able to do any kind of Business, nor can I yett write but a few Lines at a Time, The Matters Your Honr referrs to, seem to require more application than I can well bear, while this Messenger will Tarry, and see not, but that they must be omitted to another Opportunity, Yett I have enclosed, a Number of Papers (most of them Originals,) relating to the Controversy about the divisional Line, between this Colony and the Massachusetts Bay, by which I conceive Yr Honr will have Means, expresly, to direct me, to what may be necessary to state or [ ]pport the Case. I have been carefull especially to send the Survey of the famous Woodward and Saffery, (which I understand the Province insists upon, and which Govr Shirley & Mr

Bollan assure them will be established & confirmed) together with a Memorial of the Transactions of that Governmt and this, from a little Time after the Charter, to a few Years before the Agreement in 1713, and when Yr Honr has perused these Papers, what are Originals and Copys thereof may be needed, be pleased to Transmitt them by the Messenger by whom I may receive Your Honrs further Comands. I have Advised Mr Baldwin to take his Journey round by Midletown to obtain true Intelligence when Capt Talcott Sails for England.

I am

Yr Honrs most Obedient

Humbl Servt

GEORGE WYLLYS

P. S. I send Yr Honr a parcell of Blank Military Comissions to be signed please to send them up by the next Messenger.

[Superscribed] To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governor of the Colony of Connecticut att Milford ℘ Mr Baldwin

[Indorsed] Secry Wyllis June 27th 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD July 1st 1750.

Sr

I am sorry to hear of your Indisposition an unusual Cold I understand is epidemical even thrô the Countrey, hope these Lines may find you restored to your usual State of health

I further want one Copy of ye Memorial of Woodstock and 2 of ye Act of our Assembly upon it, and 2 of the last May Act about the Controverted Towns & 2 of the Acts enabling me to Draw Bills of Exchange favour of Mr Partridge & Coll Williams.

With respect to Esqr Palmer Salery how many times it was granted or whether ye last was granted for ye year to come or for the year past or half for ye year past and half

for ye year then going on I want to inform Mr Partridge in order to his making up his acc^ts wth the Ex^rs

I rec^d your Paquetts by Mr Baldwin soon after Coll^l Fitch was come to me, who has carryd ye papers home with him in order to state the Case many of which he never had seen before what will be further wanting I know not, if you remember any, please to send them.

I have signd the Com^ns and remitt them.

I must learn whether and w^n Capt Talcott will sail for London, its high time our Agent had his Orders.

Your humble Servt

[Indorsed] Copy to Secry Wyllis July 1 1750.

JABEZ HAMLIN TO JONATHAN LAW.

MIDDLETOWN July 2^d A D 1750

May It please y^r Hon^r

Capt Talcot Informed me on Saturday Last that It was highly probable y^r Hon^r had Rec^d an Information that he had Altered his Voyage and was not Bound Directly to London which is a Great Mistake; and as he Intends to Sail from N London on Saturday next Directly for London and fearing y^r Hon^r might be Disappointed by Reason of that false Report I tho't it my Duty to Acquaint your Hon^r when Capt Talcot Sailed That So y^r Hon^r might prepare what you thought proper To Send per him: I am with Sincere Regards Your Hon^rs

Most Obedient Humble Servt

JABEZ HAMLIN.

[Superscribed] To The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of Connecticut In Milford. Per Capt Abbot.

[Indorsed] Maj^r Hamlins July 2^d 1750.

GEORGE WYLLYS TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD July 3^d 1750

S^r

As I understand by Capt Talcott himself, (since my last) that he purposes speedily to sail for London, I have sent to Your Hon^r as many of the Copys and Papers men-

tioned, as I found the shortness of the Time, and my health (which is yet very indifferent) would allow of, and hope they, with those before receiv^d will be sufficient at least to ground a True State of the Case upon, and which are all (I know of) relating to the Business of the Line, save, the Mapp thereof, under the Hands of the Comisioners mentioned in the Act of our Assembly in May 1713, And the Actual Survey or Run of it, from the Station at Wrentham to the west Bounds of Westfield, which I have never yet seen thô a good deal of Time has been spent in searching for them, I beleve they are not in my office, but am ready to think Govr Saltonstall upon some Occasion or other took the Care of them, and if I am not much mistaken there are some Conclusions of the Comissioners which I have seen in Copys from Boston, that are not to be found here, There is also the Appointment of certain Comissioners some Years ago to perambulate the Line, and a Report (I conclude) of some doings of theirs in that Matter, which I could not now look up, The Govr and Council (I perceive) transacted a considerable part in this Affair, as appointing the Commissioners &c the Records of which are with Your Hon^r, And the Roll of Papers referred to in the Memorial (which accompanied my last) I should think might yett be obtained as it actually came to the Hands of Sr Henry Ashurst, and very probably from him (with the Governm^ts other papers) to the succeeding Agents, it may be difficult if these, Matters should again be needed to collect them at this Day.

I have enclosed a short Certificate & a Copy relating to Agent Palmers Salary &c which I hope may answer the Purpose. Mr Baldwin is charged with a Letter from Capt Talcott which I desired him to write, wherein I conclude he setts the Time of proceeding on his Voyage to England

I am Your Hon^rs

most Obedient Humble Servt

GEORGE WYLLYS

The Honble JONATH^N LAW Esqr

[Superscribed] To the Honble JONATHAN LAW Esqr at Milford

[Indorsed] Mr Secretarys Letter to Govr Law July 3 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO THOMAS FITCH.

MILFORD July 5 1750

Sr

I herewith send you divers papers which I ye last night recd from Mr Secry and his Letter which you will improve as you find Occasion The Survey made by ye Comrs in 1713 he dont find as my Memory serves me I have seen the Variation of yr Line from Woodwards and Safferies Platted and so lately as when Dr Colden wanted to be informd & am informd by Majr Hamblin That Capt Talcott would sail for London on Saturday or Monday next I sent my Paquett by the common Post and by my Express receiving ye last night a Copy of the Records of ye Salery granted to our late Agent shewing the last grant to be for ye current year 1749 when he was decst. I thôt proper to advise Mr Partridge of it that he might discount it with Mr Palmers Exrs

hoping to hear from you when we may have an Opportunity for a Duplicate I Subscribe

Your faithful Friend and
humble Servant
JONTH LAW.

Colll FITCH Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Coll. Fitch July 5. 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO RICHARD PARTRIDGE.

MILFORD July 5th 1750.

Sr

The last night and since I closd my Paquett to you and sent it to New London by an Express which I sent to Mr Secry at Hartford I recd among other things a Copy of our Records which I herewith inclose to you of the several Grants made to Esqr Palmer for his Salery by which it will plainly appear That the last Grant of four hundred pounds currency for his Salery was made for his Service in the year 1749 begining in May which was accordingly paid as ℔ Balston's Letter and ye Receits lodgd in the Secrys office on the Treasury wch Mr Secry by Reason of Sickness was not able to look up and send me

whence it seems clear to me That the last four hundred pounds was granted for Services expected from him for which Providence denyd him the Opportunity and should therefore be discounted in your making up the Acc^ts with ye Ex^rs of Esqr Palmer as well as the 60^ll rec^d of Mr Wilks's Ex^rs

And as to the stating the Case with respect to the Massathusetts and us I would hope to have it prepard to come with the Duplicate of what I now send

I am Sr Your humble Servant

J LAW

RICH^D PARTRIDGE Esqr

P S Mr Palmers Agency Comencd Octob^r 1742 and he dyed in May 1749 wch makes 6 years and an half & eight Saleries have been granted him which is one year and an half beyond the Service done I am 50 miles distant from Mr Secry and Talcott designing to sail tomorrow or Monday from N London which being 70 miles from me makes it difficult to comply with the Circumstances shall endeavour to gain more Certainty when I may send my Duplicate

J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Partridge July 5th 1750

JEREMIAH MILLER TO JONATHAN LAW.

N. LOND^N July 11th 1750.

S^r

Yo^r Hon^rs Lett^rs of ye 3^d Inst^t togeth^r with the Packet Directed to Mr Patridge Came Safe by ye Post Rider. I Note yor Hon^rs Direction & shall attend thereto. Capt Tallcot is Here, Suppose will Sail soon. I have Shewn Him the Packett. He says He shall take Special Care of It, but since He is Halling Down to lighten His Ship tho't best to keep it in my Desk 'till He Clears out. Neither of the Kieths are Here. Don't know that Either of them Intend to London or G. Britt^n When ever any op^ty of Conveyance shall offer I shall take Care to advise yor Honr.

I hope Coll Fitch E'r now, is in Condition to assist yor Honr in stating the Case Referd to, but Heard that ye Massachusts now would stoop so Low as to Joyn Us by a Commtee or Commissionrs & so prevent our sending Home.

I observe the Liquidating of our Accts of ye Disbursements for ye Intended Canada Expedition, and was apprizd of it some time since by a Private Lettr from my Friend in Londn. Believe We may thank Govr Shirley for the Subductions made on It. I admire that He should be so very Officious in Doing this Colony such an Injury, a Gentmn so wise, so Great so good. Itane Cœlistibus Irae!

Yor Honr will pardon me this Long Lettr while I am Writing to yor Honr I perceive some thing of ye Pleasure which I've ever had when yr Honr has Indulg'd me yor agreeable Conversation.

I am wth the greatest Sincerity yor Honrs
Most obliged Humle Servt
JER. MILLER.

Pray make my Complts to yor Lady
J M

To Govr Law.

[Superscribed] To the Honble Jonathn Law Esqr Governr of His Majestys Colony of Connecticut at Millford. from Jer. Miller.

[Indorsed] Jer: Millers Esqr of July 11 1750 recd 13.

SAMUEL TALCOTT TO JONATHAN LAW.

Hartford July 17: 1750

May It Pleas yr Honr

These wait on yr Honr at ye Desire of Docr Avery My Friend Mr Lane of London Informs me was with him ye 29th of May & Informed him yt he had Receed ye Money for ye Cape Breton Expedition would have wrote but hadnt oppertunety by yt Conveyance Therefore desired me to acquaint yr Honr with it. Mr Partridges Packet I forward

to y^r Hon^r from Boston by Mr Wm Burr and am with much respect

Y^r Hon^rs Most obed^t
Hum^le Servt
SAM^LL TALCOTT

To ye Hono^le Jon^a Law Esqr
[Indorsed by Law] Coll^l Talcotts July 17 1750 rec^d 20th

LORDS COMMISSIONERS FOR TRADE TO GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL, July 19th 1750.

Gentlemen,

It being in general necessary for His Majesty's Service and for the Benefit of the Plantations, that the Limits or Boundaries of the British Colonies on the Continent of America should be distinctly known, more particularly so far as they border on the Settlements made by the French or any Foreign Nation in America; We desire you to send us with all possible dispatch the best Account you can, of the Boundaries of his Majesty's Colony of Connecticut under your Government, together with a Chart or Map thereof, all the best Accounts and Vouchers you can obtain to support the same, and more particularly with relation to any Settlements that may have been made by the English on the Frontiers towards the Lakes & Mountains. We at the same time recommend it to you to inform Us whether the Subjects of any Foreign Prince, have made any & what Encroachments on the Colony of Connecticut under your Government, and at what Period; nor can you be too Exact in Stating every particular in the History of whatever Encroachments have been made, which may serve to place the Proceedings in a true light, & confute any Right which may at any time be founded upon them. So We bid you

heartily farewell, and are

Your very loving Friends
and humble Servants,
DUNK HALIFAX*
J GRENVILLE
CHARLES TOWNSHEND

Govr: & Comp^{y}: of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] From the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade &c July 19 1750 Rec^{d} Decr 17th 1750 boundaries

JONATHAN LAW TO GEORGE WYLLYS.

MILFORD 8th August 1750

Sr

By Mr Brown Agent for ye controverting Towns I send to you the several papers that concern ye Case that those needful to be sent may be separated and if any want further authenticating, you will do it, as also if any further Evidences are to be found on your Records, you will make out Copies of them or any thing further be on your files, you will make out Copies of them. I have seen in Court the Platting of Safferies Line and ye Com^{rs} protracted which shewed ye Variation of those Lines from begin̄ing to ye end thereof on Tirconick Mountain not among ye Papers you sent me. I have also sent a Line to Maj^{r} Lyman, ye Direction of which Gentlemen you will take, who will take Care that all the Evidence they can gain, may be sent me in order to send it home to our Agent with my Duplicate (if possible by Capt Bryant Via N york before this month be out)

The Copy you sent me ab^{t} Esqr Palmers appointment and ye Grants of his Salery represents his Service to be but six years and an half and his Salery to be for eight years one of which after his decease which at least should be discounted by Mr Partridge in making up our Acc^{ts} as I have signifyd to him and if you can find ye Rec^{ts} for eight years payments it will make ye matter more plain

I have a Petition of ye Boston Ex^{rs} to lay before the Assembly for a Bounty notwithstanding the payments have

* George Montagu Dunk, second Earl of Halifax.

been for one if not a year & an half more than the Service could be as I understand your Copy. I send you a Copy of my Letter that you may better understand the Difficulty·

and Subscribe your humble Servant

JONTH LAW

GEORGE WYLLYS Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Secry Wyllis Augst 8 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO PHINEAS LYMAN.

Sr

I send to you by Mr Brown That you assist him in directing Mr Secry in preparing necessary Evidences and in procuring what may be further needfull for supporting ye Case as stated abt the divisional Line The Govt you know have undertaken in your favour yet the Case is yours and you cant expect less than the trouble of looking up the needfull Evidences or the old Saying dropps to ye Ground Let him that needs blow ye Coal. I am glad to hear from Gains so good a State of my Affairs att Sheffield which is confirmed to me by personal Conversation wth Collt Williams

I am Sr Your friend

and humble Servant

JONTH LAW

PHINEAS LYMAN Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Phineas Lyman Augst 8th 1750

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 6 mo: or Augst ye 11th 1750:

Govr Law

The last I wrote thee was of the 4th Inst: via N: York being still without any of thy favours: yet I judg'd it not amiss to send thee a few lines as I have hitherto had some share in assisting Colo Williams in his Affairs who was very well when I saw him last which was a few days since at Whitehall. As to the money due to your Colony on accot

of the Canada Expedition granted by Parliament as heretofore advised thee it remains unpaid yet as well as does the Pay of Col° Williams's Regiment, the Treasury not having begun since the rising of Parliament to pay any money on that acco^t but they have of late referrd that Affair to Wm Pitt Esqr the Pay Master General to examine into the several Claimers Authority for receiving & giving discharges respectively & take an acco^t thereof which when done he is to report to the Lords of the Treasury & apply to them for the money to answer the demands & on the 10th Instant I attended for New Jersey & Col° Williams with other Agents & gave in then the Claimes I was to make accordingly—— but the Treasury Board having adjourned their s[ ]ons till the beginning of next month, the said Pay Master can make no Report nor Application during the Interval.

As for News the King continues at Hannover Still & will scarce as its thought return till some time in November. We have had little Alteration in the Ministry of late only the Duke of Richmond is deceased a few days since who was Master of the Horse to the King & sustained under him diverse other considerable postes — for the rest I refer to the publick prints herewith sent of which I desire thy acceptance.

With due Respects to thy Self & Gentlemen of the Council & House of Representatives —— I remain

Thy assured Friend

RICH^D PARTRIDGE

13th Ditto

Since writing the foregoing I have this day rec^d thy favours via New London dated 25 June & 5 July together with the Bill of Three hundred pounds on Dr Avery the Sundry Papers & powers of Agency & Copy of the Assemblys Resolve expressing their Sense of my readiness to Assist Col° Williams in the Colonys Affairs here & appointing me their Agent at the Court of Great Britain, which I freely accept of & very gratefully acknowledge their Regard for me therein and intend to transact their Affairs committed to my Charge with ffaithfulness and Allacrity. The several

Letters of procuration I think are Sufficiently Expressed & Authentick. I note the Directions in relation to settling the acco^{t} with the Extors: of Eliak^{m} Palmer dec^{d} your late Agent which I shall observe Accordingly —— & shall duly consider the Case respecting the Affair of the Boundary with the Massachusets & proceed therein according to advisement with a good Sol^{r} I shall employ, but I have yet rec^{d} nothing from the Colony of Rhode Island relating thereto hinted at in thy Letter but probably I shall in a little time. Dr Avery is at present out of Town but expected home to morrow & then I intend to wait on him.

I am with due respects to the Gentlemen of the General Assembly ——

Thy & Their Assured Friend

RICH^{D} PARTRIDGE

14th Ditto

On my presenting the £300 Bill this day to Dr Avery it was readily accepted he having some time since rec^{d} Y^{r} Cape Breton Money. On reconsidering thy Letter of 25 June & looking over the papers that come with it I find wanting among them Copys of the Act of Assembly in May 1749 & May last also the Case Stated & Evidence to Support it mentioned in thy letter to be inclosed, but are not, which therefore thou wilt please to send me as soon as thou canst without which we cannot proceed, in expectation whereof I remain as above

R. PARTRIDGE

as for the prints mentioned in my foregoing Letter I send them ℘ this convey^{a} to my Friends Andrew Oliver & Phillips to be forwarded to thee ℘ a private hand from Boston.

[Superscribed] B^{o} sh 7/ To JONATHAN LAW Esqr Governour of the Colony of Connecticutt Milford via Boston ℘ Capt Phillips

[Indorsed] Mr Partridges Letter 11th August 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO PETER VAN BRUGH LIVINGSTON.

MILFORD Sept 13 1750

Sr

From the Charecter I have had of you and the Care you took to forward a Paquett to me which came by the way of N York I presume to trouble you with the Care of the Pacquett to Mr Partridge in London our Agent, herewith inclosed to you

Capt Bryan (I am informd) is bound for London in a short time Please to send it by him or some other good Conveyance if any should happen before him and you will oblige

Your obedient
humble Servant
JONTH LAW

Mr PETER VAN B LIVINGSTON

P S I should be glad if you would let me know in a Line by ye Bearer when and by whom ye enclosd may have Conveyance J L

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Mr Livingston Sept 13 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO RICHARD PARTRIDGE.

MILFORD Septembr 17 1750

Sr

Since I closd my Paquett, on the 14th Instant I recd yours of the 23d of June. The ffees and civil List dimishing* upwards of 800ll of our Cape Britton money, must arise from some new Order or Practice be sure I never heard of any such thing in any Reimbursement we ever had

I have also recd from Mr Hill Clerk of the Board a Letter with three Acts of Parliament forwarded by your self with a Post script giving me Instructions, but with no more clearness in reference to the Obscurity of the Clauses about which I have wrote to you whether all those Engines or only those which should be erected after ye 24th of June

*Diminishing?

are to be abated: Indeed I have never heard of any in this Colony excepting a Steel furnace erected by Mr Eliot which has not lately been used Liberty was granted to Coll[l] Jos Pitkin for erecting a Slitting Mill but never erected

We have many Iron works sett up thô not productive of a sufficiency for our own Use.

I hoped their Ldshipps would have promoted a Premium for raw silk as was granted for Indico, what the duties are that are taken off I know not what it is: and fear the Insufficiency of ye Encouragement to putt our peaple on an industrious Improvement

I Subscribe
Your faithfull Friend
and humble Servant
JONTH LAW

R. Partridge Esqr

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter to Agent Partridge Septbr 17 1750

PETER VAN BRUGH LIVINGSTON TO JONATHAN LAW.

New York Sepr 18th 1750

Sir

Your Letter & Packet for Richard Partridge Esqr I have recd and your Honour may depend that they Shall be sent by Capn Bryant who talks of Sailing this week; I shall at all times be glad to render you or the Govnt any Service in my power wherefore when ever you Shall think fitt please freely to command

May it Please your Honour
Your Honours most Obed. Servt
P. V. B. LIVINGSTON

[Superscribed] To the Honorable Jonathan Law Esqr Govr of the Colony of Connecticut at his house in Milford

[Indorsed] Mr P V B Livingston of 18th of Sept 1750

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 7ber the 19th 1750

Govr Law

I wrote thee last of the 13 & 14th Ult via New York & Boston to which I refer acknowledging the rect of thine dated 25th June & 5th July with the several papers & powers of Agency conferr'd on me by your Colony & in my said Letter expressed the grateful Sense I had of their favour.

As to the Money granted for your Expence in the Canada Expedition, that affair has been referrd by the Treasury (as I wrote thee before) to the Pay Master Genl for him to examine into the respective Agents Authority for receiving it, & now he has made his Report thereon, & Since that we have been directed to attend the Lords of the Treasury which accordingly we did about a week Since—& were then given to expect that the Warrant woud in a little time be made out for payment to most of Us accordingly, & no Objection having been made to my Authority I hope in about 3 weeks time to be able to advise thee of the receipt of the money

And as to the Matter of the Boundarys with the Massachusets I shall be waiting for the Papers wrote for in my last & when they come to hand pursue my Instructions with what expedn shall be judged requisite.

Colo Williams has of late taken a Journey into the Country but I dayley expect his return, So that I believe he Scarcely writes any letter by this Ship, I know nothing but he is well.

I have at length recd an accot from the Extors of Eliakim Palmer a Copy of wch comes inclosed—the Ball. appears thereby to be £283 16 3 wch is considerably more due to them than at first we were acquainted with but before I settle with them I shall duly consult Colo Williams—if he returns pretty soon.

As for Publick News I refer thee to the prints herewith sent of which I desire thy acceptance the King is expected to return from his Germain Dominions some time

next month—

I am wth due respects

Thy assured Friend

RD PARTRIDGE

duplicate

[Superscribed] To JONATHAN LAW Esq Governour of the Colony of Connecticut Milford ℘ Capt Halloway via Boston

Boston Novr 19 1750 Recd and forwarded by your Excelys most Humble Servt BENJN HALLOWELL

[Indorsed] from Collo Partridge Septembr 19th 1750 recd Decr 7th 1750

ELISHA WILLIAMS TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON Welbeck Street Octobr 3d 1750

Sir

My being unexpectedly out of Town when Captn Talcott Sailed, prevented my acknowledging by Him the Honour of your Favour of June 19th. I now take the first Opportunity that Since offers, to make my Dutiful and most grateful Acknowledgments to Your Honour and the Genll Assembly, for their acceptance and kind Notice of any Endeavours of Mine, to Serve the Colony. I Shall Esteem it as an additional Obligation on Me, to do any Thing which may be in my Power, for the future Service of it. Its great Priviledges I have always Prized, and am Taught, by what has fallen under my Observation here, to Set a higher Value upon them, if possible. There are Some who begrutch them to us and Love us not I dont Say, Thô Such a Man as Dr Avery may Say, *Treat us hardly* because we have them. May God grant Wisdom to the Government at all Times, to conduct all their Affairs So, as never to give any Handle, to Such to do injury to it, that may be Watching for it. An Evil is now Threatening it, as well as all New England &c — viz — That of a Bishop's being Sent over, to the Brittish Colony's. The Arch-Bishop of Canterbury as well as ye Bishop of London, with Several other active Bishops,

are not a Little Engaged in it. and tis much to be feared will Accomplish it. They are not my Fears alone, but of many of our good Friends here. Dr Doddridge, from whose House I came Two Days Since told me, he had lately had free Discourse, with the Archbishop of Canterbury on ye Subject, & nothing he could Say, was of any Avail to Divert Him from the Purpose. What our Friends can Do to prevent it, I hope will be Done. That God Governs, has always been, & is Still, the great Consolation, of his Church. What advantage may be taken against us from the present Dispute between us & the Massachusetts Province about the Dividing Line, if it comes before the King and Council I know not, but heartily Wish, The Governments could Settle it, without bringing it here. I have lately been Apprized of one Thing, that will prove of no Disservice to us, in the Case That the Account of what ye Commissioners did in that affair in ye Year 1713, was probably never Sent over by the Massachusetts, as Some of their principal Gentlemen, flattered themselves it was, and from which they expected to receive Benefit. For Mr Bollon their Agent, has Searched their Several offices, where Such Papers might possibly be Lodged, and can find Nothing about it, as I have accidentally Learned from Him

If your Honour Should furnish Mr Partridge, with the Papers relating to that Case, wch you Mention in Your Letter to Him, before I Leave London (which I hope may be in the Spring) shall cheerfully afford my assistance, in leading Him as particularly as I can into the Knowledge of it. The Money granted to the Colony, & the Regiment I hope will be paid before the End of this Month, The next Session of Parliament drawing Near, it is probable it will not any Longer be Deferred.

I am Sr with all Dutiful regards,
Your Honrs most Obedient
and very Humble Servant
ELISHA WILLIAMS

The Honourable Jonathan Law Esqr

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 8ber the 18th 1750

Governr Law

I wrote thee last of the 17th Ult Since which I have had none of thy favours. This now comes chiefly to acquaint thee that hearing by Colo Williams Saml Mason was still pursuing his Affairs in behalf of the Claim of the Mohegan Indians & was in expectation of obtaining some more money of the Governmt here for prosecuting his Appeal against the Colony which has been so long depending — I thereupon made diligent enquiry concerning it at the proper Offices & find the Case Stands thus; That for want of money he cant go on with the Appeal but in as much as by his Insinuations he had some years since obtained an order from the Privy Council dated 29th January 1740 whereby his Expence was to be born by the Crown — he got a considerable Sum which in the carrying on of the 2 Comissions that were issued & in other Charges it is all expended & now he has some time since exhibited his Petition to the King in Council for more money out of the 4½ ℔ Ct West India duty — & when he has gained that point he intends to proceed to a hearing on the said Appeal — But by what I can learn there is not much encouragmt for him at present respecting the money althô: the Council have been often put in mind of it, & that however he may Succeed in getting a Supply at last, it is not likely to be, till some time after the King comes over from his Germain Dominions which may probably be in a months time: I enquired ℔ticularly about this affair at the Treasury & dont understand there is much encouragmt for him from thence. — & I have also put our Solr Sharpe in mind of it that he may be on the watch as I shall also & take the necessary measures in behalf of the Colony to prevent any Injury being done by Surprize — but it will be attended with Expence.

I have this day obtained a rough Copy of his last Petition & of the King in Councils Order hinted at above with an account of his Charges which I send thee inclosed just as I could have it (there not being time to get it transcribed

fair) for thy further Information, but I dont know whether it was not sent thee before by your late Agent, however lest that was not done I was not willing to omit it now — I think there is not any thing of them to be found among the papers — I have paid the Extors of said Palmer in full of your Colonys Acco^t & taken a Rec^t for the same being £283 16 3 agreeable to that acc^t I sent thee; I did insist for abatement on Some of the Articles particularly the last years Agents Salary paid to Balston & Palmer which to be sure was over paid, but on the Extors beginning to talk of Some further Consideration or gratuity for Extr^a Trouble & Service done in Soliciting the large Sums of money due from the Government here I thought it best to close with them without any further ado lest we should fare worse by a delay —— but they seemed willing that Balston & Palmer might refund it in New England, as the £400 Currency was paid for the Agency of the Current Year he dying at about the Comencem^t of that Year, but I hardly dared ask for an order for it ——

The Ministry here have not yet began to pay the Canada Expence money but are Still in expectation of it Shortly —— which is the present needful from

Thy assured Friend

RICH^D PARTRIDGE

I think it is very happy for ye Colony that Col^o Williams happen^d to be here & so luckily getting Intelligence of Masons affair that we might be on our Guard & prepared in time for our defence, the knowledge whereof to be sure I sh^d not have obtained otherwise so easily, as being ignorant before of ye Case.

R P

[Superscribed] To Governour LAW of Connecticutt ℘ Capt Gardner via Boston

[Indorsed] Receiv^d from Coll^o Partridg Octob^r 18: 1750

SAMUEL MASON'S PETITION TO THE KING.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Saml Mason Trustee for the Tribe of Mohegan Indians in America.

Most Humbly Sheweth

THAT the said Tribe of Indians having been very faithful to the English & of great Service to the English Settlements in America hath always been protected by the Crown, but the Colony of Connecticut having in a most Shameful Manner abused that Tribe & taken from them the small Tract of Land reserved for themselves out of the Vast Territories they have freely given up to the English. Your Majesty in the Year 1737 was graciously pleased to Issue a comission of Review at your Majesty's Expense for doing Justice to said Indians.

But the Assistants of Rhode Island the Judges appointed in that Comission being in the like case wth. those in Connecticut, made a Handle of that Comission & without hearing the Indians gave away the Lands to the people of Connecticut.

That thereupon your Petitr. as Trustee and Guardian of the sd. Tribes of Indians came over to Engld to sollict your Majestys Justice in their Favour who was graciously pleased to reverse all that the Rhode Islanders had done and to order a new Comissn. to Issue to other Comissrs., and in regard to the great Poverty and Inability of the said Tribe your Majesty was pleased by your Order in Council of the 29th day of Jany. 1740. (a copy of which is Annex'd) to direct that the charges attending the passing the said new Comissn. and all other Despatches relating thereto shd. be Defrayd at the Expense of the Crown.

That yr. Petitrs. laying before the Lds. of the Treasury an Estimate of the charges of Suing out & prosecuting the sd. new Comission amounting as was then computed to £531 : 12 : 7.1/2 a copy of wc. Estimate is annexed No. 1. their Lordships were pleased to Issue that Sum to your Petitr together with the Charges of Receiving the same out

of the Duty of 4.1/2 per Ct. then remaining in the Exchequer & thereupon the said new Comission on the 8th day of Jany. 1741 pass'd the great Seal and yr Petir soon afterwds. carried the same to Connecticutts.

That the Comissrs several of whom came from Nw. Jersey upwds. of 300 miles to Norwich where the sd. Comission was executed and sat in Executn. thereof from the 4th. of May to the 26th. day of Octobr. 1743 and your Petitr. necessarily paid to the Comissrs. & to the Council & Clerke who attended the Execution of the sd. Comission on behalf of the sd. Indians, and after necessary Dispatches relating thereto the several Sums of Money mentd. in the Annex'd Accot. No. 2, wch. exceeded wt. the same was estimated at by the sum of £216 : 4 : 1.1/2.

That the Major pt. of sd. Comissrs. have given a very partial Judgmt. in favour of the people of Connecticut, contrary to Evidence & appart. Justice of the case, & to the Opinion of several others of the Comissrs. Yr. Petitr. on behalf of the sd. Oppress'd Indians, appeal'd therefrom to yr. Maj'y in Council and your Petitr. imediately afterwards came over to Engld. where he hath ever since continued on purpose to prosecute the sd. Appeal for Them, wc. having been presented to yr. Majesty stands, referrd by yr. Majesty to be heard before the Comittee of yr. Majesty's most honble. privy council and is now ready for Hearing.

That yr. Petir. (almost to the Ruin of his own private Affairs) has for near three Years attended this Matter in Great Brittain and the sd. Tribe of Indians until Justice be done on the said Appeal are disposs'd & kept out of Possion of their Lands and are thereby reduced to the utmost want & distress & can't bring on their Appeal to a hearing for want of Mony necessary to defray the Expence thereof.

That yr. Petitr. hath humbly annex'd an Acct. & Estimate No. 3, of the charges yr. Petitr. is already in disburse and the lowest Computation of wt. will be further wanting in Order to bring the sd. Appeal to a final Hearing amountg. to £747 : 4 : 1.

That as this will be the last time any such charge can be repeated on to the Crown there being in the present Comission (wch. was not in any of the former) a Reservation of a Final Appeal to either party from the Comissrs. Judgmt. to your Majesty in Council.

And in Regard to your Majesty's said Order in Council of the 29th. of Janry. 1740 and to the notorious poverty of the sd. faithful Indians. Yor. Petitr. humbly prays yor. Majesty to order the sd. Honble. the Lords of The Treasury to Issue to yor. Petitr. Saml. Mason the amount of the sd. Charges out of the 4 & 1/2 pr. ct. (there being (as yor. Petitr. is inform'd) a considerable Sum arising from that Duty now in your Majesty's Exchequer, or to make such further Order for giving Relief to the sd. Indians & Enabling them to bring their sd. Cause to a final Hearing as yor. Majesty in yor. great Goodness shall think Just.

And the said Poor Tribe of Distress'd Indians shall be ever bound to pray.

SAMUEL MASON.

JONATHAN LAW TO DUKE OF BEDFORD.*

My Lord Duke

In compliance with your directions to us, and pursuant to our Answer of October last, we have prepared an Account of The Now outstanding bills of Credit of This Colony, and find The Totall of The Same Amounts To one hundred and Ten Thousand pounds in Bills of The New Tenour—and Three Thousand pounds of the old Tenour, (There not having been any other than what hath been called old and New Tenour Emitted In this Colony, and they bear proportion to each other as one Shilling of The new Tenour is to Three Shillings & six pence of The old Tenour: Which Emission of Bills of Credit were made to defray The Expences of this Colony in the Time of the Late Warr, and principally in the Taking & Securing Cape

*The letter was not sent in this form. See the next dooument for its final draft.

Breton; & in forwarding the late Intended Expedition against Canada, wch was undertaken In Obedience To his Majesty's Comands signified to us by his Grace The Duke of New Castle; whereof £15000 in bills of Credit of The New Tenour were Emitted by Act of Assembly of This Colony made & passed In October 1744—and as a fund & Security for The repayment and drawing in of the said Bills into the Treasury again, The said Assembly granted a rate or Tax for the Same to be Levyed on Polls & all Other rateable Estate of this Colony to be paid unto The Treasury at or before the last day of May A. Dom: 1755.

£20000 in bills of Credit, New Tenour Emitted by an Act of Assembly passed In March 1744/5—and a Fund was then laid for the repayment thereof, by the Grant of a Tax of Twenty one Thousand pounds, to be paid in four Equal payments, The first in May 1752 and The last in May 1755.

£20000 in bills of Credit New Tenour Emitted by Act of Assembly in July 1745, and a Tax Then Granted to draw The Same in at Equal payments The first to be made in May 1756, the last in May 1759.

£20000 in bills of Credit New Tenour Emitted by Act of Assembly In May 1746—and a Tax then Granted for the repayment of the Same by the first day of May A. D. 1754.

£3000 in bills of Credit old Tenour, Emitted by Act of Assembly in May 1746—and a Tax then Granted for the repayment of the Same by the 1st day of May 1754.

£35000 in bills of Credit new Tenour Emitted by Act of Assembly in June 1746—and a Tax Then granted for The repayment of the Same by the first day of May A D. 1758—all Which Funds are duly made, & expressed in form, & Directing The Treasurer of The Colony To Issue forth his Warrants for the Collecting & drawing in the Same again at the respective Periods afore Said.

As To The rates of Exchange, they have been various, and this Colony a place of Smal Trade in Comparison with our Neighboring Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Therefore begg leave to referr your Lordship To The Accounts

from That Government for the respective rates of Exchange, That Province governing in The affair of Exchange between us & England, & our paper bills passing at an Equal Value with the Bills of that Province.

Your Lordship will be pleased to Observe the Act of the Assembly of this Colony in May 1749 — Transmitted to your Grace with my last, wherein a Method is Concluded for sinking & discharging of our bills of Credit, much sooner than the Periods at first Settled & agreed upon; and the Colony are pursuing the Same.

In the upper House

The foregoing Draft for a Letter to the Duke of Bedford, read and approv^{d} and ordered to be Transmitted to the lower House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^{y}

In ye Lower House

The Consideration of ye Above Draft Referred to this Assembly in Octo^{br} next

Test JN^{O} FOWLER Clerk

Concurd in the upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^{y}

Genl Assembly New Haven Octr 1750

In the upper House

The foregoing Draft, for a Letter to the Duke of Bedford one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State, is approved of, and a Transcript thereof, Ordered to be Transmitted to his Grace, as soon as conveniently may be

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^{y}

Non concurred in the Lower House

Test ABR^{M} DAVENPORT Clerk

In the upper House

Thos Fitch and Jonth Trumble Esq^{rs} are appointed a Com^{tee} to conferr with such Gen^{tn} as may be appointed by the lower House, on the Difference of the Houses respecting the within Draft for a Letter to his Grace the Duke of Bedford &c

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^{y}

In the Lower House

Major Joseph Fowler, Mr Jonathan Huntington, Mr Ambrose Whittlesey & Capt Stephen Lee are appointed a Comtee to Joyn the above Gentlemen for the purpose above mentioned

Test ABRM DAVENPORT Clerk

[Indorsed] Letter to Duke of Bedford May 1750

JONATHAN LAW TO DUKE OF BEDFORD.*

My Lord Duke

In Compliance with your directions to the Govr & Compa of this Colony, & pursuant to my Answer of October Last, an account is now prepared of the outstanding bills of Credit of This Colony, The Amount of Them, & The Respective Times when Such bills were Issued, & The Several Times fixed for the calling in, Sinking & discharging such bills by Taxes granted by Acts of Assembly for that purpose, with The Amount of Sd Bills in Money of Great Brittain, both at The Times when such bills were Issued, & at The Time of preparing This Account—and The Same is Enclosed & Transmitted herewith To your Grace; By which it Appears That There are now outstanding the Sum of One Hundred & Ten Thousand pounds in bills of Credit of This Colony of The New Tenour, & Three Thousand pounds of The old Tenour; There not having been any other than what have been called old & new Tenour Emitted in this Colony; & They bear proportion to Each other, as one Shilling of The New Tenour is equall to Three Shillings & Six pence of the old: Which Bills of Credit were made & Issued to defray the Expences of This Colony in the time of the late War, & principally in The taking & securing Cape Breton & forwarding the late intended Expedition against Canada in obedience to his Majesty's comands sig-

* This letter is actually dated after Jonathan Law's death and must therefore have been signed by Roger Wolcott as Governor. But as the draft of it was approved at the October session of the General Assembly, over which Law presided, it has been thought best to print it here as of that date.

nified to this Colony by his Grace the Duke of New Castle—& Since a reimbursment hath been Granted us for such Expences—The Assembly of this Colony have Appropriated the Sterling money belonging to us on Account thereof, for the Sinking & discharging the now outstanding bills aforesd, Account of which was Transmitted To Your Grace in my Last, To which I Take Leave To Referr—And am

Your Grace's
Most Obedient
Humе Servant

New Haven Octr 1750.

Genl Assembly Octr 1750

In the upper House, The above Draft for a Letter to his Grace the Duke of Bedford, and the annexed Accott of the Bills of Credit outstanding &c referred to therein, is approved and ordered to be Transmitted to lower House

Test George Wyllys Secrety

Concurred in the Lower House in approving this Draft &c

Test Abrm Davenport Clerk

[Indorsed] A Letter To His Grace the Duke of Bedford Decr 31 1750 Concerning bills of Creditt

PETER BOURS TO JONATHAN LAW.

Newport Novbr 7th 1750

Sir,

I am informed that your Colony determine to call in Part of your Paper Currency immediately and to draw for the Sterling money allowed You for the Cape Breton and Canada Expeditions, I want three hundred pounds Sterlg and should be glad to be furnished with a Bill of Exchange from your Government on my complying with the Terms on which they will be disposed, be pleased so far to interpose as to Secure me this Sum and I will send the Money on the first notice to pay it.

I shall chearfully ingage in any affair wherein I can

render You any Service and demonstrate how much I am

Your Honour's

Most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

PETER BOURS

P. S. a few lines per Post on this Occasion will greatly oblige me.

Honble Governor LAW

SKETCH OF JONATHAN LAW.*

Milford Nov. 7 1750 Yesterday Morning, after a Short Illness of the Strangury, Died, the Honble Jonathan Law Esqr Governor of the Colony of Connecticut in the 77th Year of his age. He was Educated at Harvard College in Cambridge and Graduated in the Year 1695; and being well Accomplished with Academical Learning for those times, Preached the Gospel a little while and then betook himself to the Study and Practice of the Law. In the Year 1716, he was Constituted one of the Judges of the Superior Court, In 1717 he was Elected one of the Councel. In 1724, he was chosen Deputy Governor and Chief Judge of the Superior Court. In 1741, he was Chosen Governor. All which Posts he filled up and Discharged with great Integrity Fidelity and Honour. He was a Gentleman of Critical understanding in the Law: And tho not an Eloquent Orator Yet he was a Wise Councellor, and very Judicious Wary and Steady in all his Conduct. As a Judge he Knew no man, but was altogether Disinterested and Unbiast, and always formed his Judgment upon the general Abstract Reason of things without Regard to any man. As a Governor, he was a hearty Friend to the Rights and Privileges of the Community and always steadily pursued that which appeared to him to be in self right and most conducive to the Public Good. He was always open and free to ask Councel of

*The author of this sketch has not been identified with certainty; but was probably one of the Governor's sons.

others; and would maturely weigh the Reasons offered but in the midst of a variety of Sentiments, which frequently happen, he generally pursued his own Judgment He was little moved by any Popular Noise made by a Party. Yet he readily Conceeded to that which evidently appeared to be the universal Current and Fixed Sense of the Community. So that in this Popular Government he kept a Happy Medium between the two Hurtful Extreams of being toss't about with every Breath of Popularity on the one side, and ever Tenaciousness to his own Judgment, on the other. He always kept in his own Mind a most clear, distinct and Steady view of the public Affairs and his own Scheme of Conduct, and never Inconsiderately involved himself or others into any Prcipitant Measures. He was naturally not very forward to Start any new Scheme or Rejection; yet when any was Proposed, he had, upon mature deliberation, an uncommon Sagacity in penetrating into the nature, and foreseeing the Consequences of it; and events generally proved according his Expectation; so that he was generally Esteemed one of the best and most Judicious Statesmen in the Country. He was always forward to Promote the Interests of Religion & Learning in the Colony. And was a Steady & Hearty Friend to our Ecclesiastical Constitution in Doctrine & Discipline with a proper Indulgence to all [ ] persons of other Denominations. In his more private Conduct [ ] very exemplary, never practising or Tolerating any of the modish Vices of the World, but setting a Pattern of those Virtues which are most conducive to the Common good of mankind. He was careful to maintain Religion and good Order in his Family, and was a most Kind Husband & Tender Father. He was naturally of a very Calm and Serene Temper of Mind, in all Affairs; which, tis supposed contributed very much to that Health of Body and Vigor of Mind, which he enjoyed to the last Stage of Life. He Moderated with his usual Wisdom and Steadiness, in the last Session of the General Assembly, which ended but the Day before he was taken Ill, and after about three Days Illness of the Strangury Resigned his

Mortal Breath, to the great Grief and Sorrow of those who had Enjoyed the Happy Influences of his Wise Government. He was this Evening decently Interred, in the Midst of a Crowd of Mournful Spectators: His Pall was supported by Six Councellors and two Ministers, and Minute Guns were Fired by the Cannon of the Town during the Procession and Interment.

[Indorsed] Gov Laws Character Milford

APPENDIX.

JEAN PAUL MASCARENE TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Sr,

I have receiv'd by Mr Bastide the Honour of yours of the 8th instant and had the pleasure to see soon after Captn Tyng in the Province Snow. the Countenance she affords us here is of no small Consequence to the Publick service Especially at this Juncture We had notice a few Days ago by a passenger that came to some of the Settlements at the upper End of Our Bay from Lewisburg that they had an Account at that place of the War being Declared between Great Britain and France which has Caused no small uneasiness to a number of People who live out of Our Fort and the Day before the Snow came a rumour being Spread that a French Officer with a Great number of Indians and People from Cape Breton were up our River at a small distance from this Place the Panick Seized the Women & Children whom I was Obliged to receive into the Garrison. this report however proved without Foundation. there is another more Probable that at Lewisbourg they are fitting out seven Privateers two already out to Cruise on the Eastern Coast of this Government in Order to draw Provisions from our settlements of French Inhabitants at the Upper End of Our Bay and Secure them from the Sloop the man of War left at Canso which I am Afraid will prove too weak to resist the French.

The St Johns River Indians sent four Delagates here about a fortnight ago I Inclose the purport of the Conference I had with them could I keep them in peace the French in Cape Breton would have much less Influence on Our Inhabitants. It is probable that if they have any Design on us they will Visit us soon whilst they knew Our works are in bad repair and Our Garrison weak. I hope however they will not forget us at home and that the province of the massachusetts being so much interested in the preservation of this Countrey your Excellency will give us the Countenance & assistance we may at this Time require

Captain Tyng making but a short stay I am obliged to Write in haste which I hope you will Excuse. I am with great Esteem and respect.

Sir your most humble and
obedient Servant
P MASCARENE

ANNAPOLIS ROYALL 21st may 1744.
His Excellency Governour SHIRLEY
Copy Examined ℘ J WILLARD Secry

JONATHAN LAW TO JEREMIAH MILLER.

MILFORD June 19th 1744

Ser

I have been much out of health ever Since my Return from harford It happend ye Day before I Recd Yours Collt Lynds Mr Ledyard's and Esqr Hall's Bill of Exchange by the Post, that Mr Lewis of N York was at my house who undertook to Send 5 or 600ll of Powder by Mr Josh. Huntington whom I took to be at N York, he took his name down or by some other he Proposed to convey it up to his Place at white Stone when Mr Hunting: should call at his Return: I Gave him an Acct by ye Same Post (?) I hope it has Succeeded well yet am in pain till I hear he told me twold not do to ask ye Govr leave I have keept ye Bill of Exchange as he Dezierd untill I huld here further from him in hast I opened one of Mr Hulls Letters before I observed ye Superscription if Mr Hull to whom I Give my thanks and Sevice thinks it will not do weell for me to Seal it again I wold send it to him to done de novo I wait with impaitaince to know the Result of the Congress att Albany to wch Gov Wolcott &c Comers are gone in ye Begining of ye Last week I have urgd the Assembly from time to time to putt you in a better Posture of Defence but So farr on it has availd you have the advantage of what so ever you can further add your own Safety obligeth you to and you must depend on the Ingenuaty of ye Assembly to Reumburs you of the Charge which Shall ly too heavy

upon you you Know by our Mlitary Law ye Athority & Selectmen may Sett up a watch As they Shall think proper We Sett up a watch here ye Last Sumer and again the this I think it Great pity you Shuld neglect mounting your Gunns at Harris's point I recd a letter from Governour Green and the pleasure to remember that I had instructed Captain Printice to Cruse from Montauk to Gay head in Consort with the Rhode island Sloop wth was the thing he moved to me I have sent Instructions to ye Several Collls your way by the Post wth hope You will tak some Care of such as come to your hands Esqr Sylliman informs me he hath Sent ye month Provissions he had purchased and I directed him To purchase for Six weeks more with Service to Maddam and all oure frindes I Subscribe youre Servant

JONATHAN LAW

To Mr Jer: Miller

COMMANDING OFFICER AT OSWEGO TO GEORGE CLINTON.*

We have been Informed by Severall Indians that at Cannada The ffrench are making a Great Number of Snow Shoes which as soon as done are put into a large Store House Whether they designe to Travile any where with them this winter I can't learn. I acquainted Your Excellency some time agoe that Severall Trusty Indians were Hunting between this & Cannada one of Said Indians was here the 13 Instant & told us, he heard from others that the ffrench Smiths with three or four men were gone from Kadaraigue in order to go to the Cinikass Country.

We have made it our business to finde out whether the ffrench Indians had taken up the Hatchett against us. all we can learn is, that at a meeting between the ffrench Indians several ffatt Cattle were killed, & presented to the latter. The ffrench dancing after the Method of the Indians with the Heads of the Beasts in their hands, Saying thus we will carry the heads of the English. The

* See Law Papers, vol. I. page 245.

Indians in their turns danced, but said thus will we carry the Heads of the Flatt Heads, which made the ffrench look very down, as they undoubtedly hoped to have been Joyned.

We hear a large body of ffrench Indians are to pass this place next Spring, it's said they are going to War against the fflatt heads. this small Army was to have gone the Last Summer, the noyse of which it seems frightned away too many of our Traders

If they come this Way shall watch them narrowly, as I can put no faith in those Directed by a Romish Priest, we have often Some or other of the five Nations here, who declares that no french shall distress this place.

[Indorsed by Law] Coppy of Letter from Oswego 1744–5

DAVID WOOSTER TO JONATHAN LAW.

New haven April ye 2d 1745

May it please your Honour,

I have Completed my Company and am ready to proceed as soon as I have orders but I want a great many Guns and having no press Warrant I Cant get 'em, therefore I desire your Honour to favour me with a press Warrant for whatsoever I Shall want for the Expedition thus from your Honours

very Humbl Servt to Command

DAVID WOOSTER

[Superscribed] To The Honbl Jonathan Law Esqr att Milford

[Indorsed by Law] Capt Woosters Letter April 2d 1745

PILOTS TO ROGER WOLCOTT.*

Newlondon Aprile ye 11th 1745

May It plese your Honnour We ye pilots in ye present Expidition Against Cap Briton Humbly Beg Leve To Inform you That We Desier To Know ye Vessels we are To

*As Wolcott was at this time at New London preparing to sail with the troops under his command, this letter was undoubtedly addressed to him.

Take Charge of That We May Receve our Warrents for ye Same And We Will prepare our Selves Accordingly And We pray That We May have ye faver granted us of Chusing ye Respective Vessels We Take Charge off So If your honnour Can grant our petion We Will forever Pray

ELISHA WEST
JOHN HIGGINS
EDWARD HOLLAND
STEPHEN BURNUM

[Indorsed, perhaps by Wolcott] Motion of the pilotts Apll 11 1745

ELIAKIM PALMER'S ACCOUNT WITH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

The Colony of Connecticutt with Eliakim Palmer

Dr

1745 July 31.	To Cash paid Mr Sharp the Solicitors bill of charges in the Appeal of Clark against Towsey the other half being chargd to Mr Towsey	52	17	6
	To Ditto paid Coach hire petty Expences, Fees to Clerks Doorkeepers &c	10		
	To Commission payg & receivg £121 17 6 @ ½ ℘Cent		12	
	To Postage of Letters		14	9
		64	4	3
	To Balance due to the Colony	4	15	9
		£ 69		

Cr

1745 July 25.	By Cash reced of the Executrs of Francis Wilks Esq	69		

London August 1st 1745
Errors Excepted,
Eliakm Palmer

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO JOHN HUBBARD.

New London Septr the 30. 1745

Sr

Thursday last I recd Copy of the Govrs orders to the Comisrys (from Majr Hamlin) And am somethg at a loss what Provision to make. I know not what better rule to act by, then the Estimate wee made for 300 men 2 months, proportion'd to 350 men 8 months, & unless you advise otherwise shall pursue that method, as follows—vizt.

Stores for 300 men 2 m. equal for 350 m. 8 months.

100	bbs meat	466⅔ my ¼ is	$116\frac{4}{6}$
10	Ton bread	46⅔	$11\frac{4}{6}$
60	busl Peese	250	62½
30	beans	125	31¼
16	hhds Rum	66⅔	$16\frac{4}{6}$
2	Tierces Rice	8⅓	$2\frac{6}{24}$
12	bbs Flour	50	12½
3	hhds Molasses	12½	3⅛
6	bbs Salt	25	6¼
9	Ct Sugar	37½	9⅜
300ll	Candles	1250	312½
300ll	butter	1250	312½
800ll	Cheese	3300⅓	$825\frac{1}{12}$
200	bus Indian Meal	833⅓	$208\frac{2}{6}$

with these Exceptions, vizt Mols the Comissary writes he has bout 800 Gals and send Flour in lieu of bread. he had left 18th Sept abt 142 bbs meat 140 bbs French Flour, 13000 bread, & 16 hhds Rum

There's 5 Ct weight Powder to be sold here if you think best shall buy it. As to Cloathing know not what to provide, save more Shoes & Shirts, doubtless there must be Beds & Blankets sent, & thick Cloths for Cloathg, but these 2 last Articles must *I conclude* be had at York or Boston, tho' the quantity am at a loss about. I don't hear what success the Enlistg Soldiers obtains. I wish their be no dificulty in that Spott. Letts know whether they are likely to be ready by 20th Octo, if not perhaps it won't be amiss for the Comrys to meet at the first openg Court, in that Case

hint it to Col° Siliman, I have ment^d it to Maj^r Hamlin, otherwise I shall probably tarry at home till 2^d week of Court. I han't more to add but that I am

Y^r Most Ob^d Hum^l Servt

G: SALTONSTALL

P. S. The Soldiers complain y^t 1 Jill Rum won't answer as they have no Cellars. Bear cant be kept in the Winter, its not unlikly the Court will alter their Sentim^ts in y^t mater.

[Superscribed] To JOHN HUBBART Esqr att New Haven

[Indorsed by Law] Comissary Saltolstall to Dr Hubbard 7^ber 30 1745

JOSIAH WILLARD TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

FORT DUMMER Octo^r 12. 1745

May it Please Your Excellency

Yesterday about 12 o Clock the Garrison at the Great Meadow was Attack'd by an Army of French & Indians & fought briskly for the Space of an hour & half, but thrô divine Goodness were not able to take the Fort, but Mr Nehemiah How being about 80 Rods from the Fort, when the Enemy made their Appearance, was taken by them before he could get to the Fort. and David Rugg & Robert Baker being up the River in a Canoe & coming down the River were Shot upon & Rugg was killed but Baker made his escape. The most of the Cattle belonging to the People there are killed. I fear the Enemy have Attackt the Garrison at N° 4., & think tis likely may be Scattered to other Places about these Parts. The men that were in the Fort at the Great Meadow are very Confident that they have killed several of the Enemy, which men fought valiantly & couragiously. I think 'tis necessary that we should have more men in these parts for a while seeing the Enemy come in large Bodies, and we have no Reason to think this the only Attempt they will make this Fall, and the Connecticut Forces having been drawn off for a Fortnight or three

Weeks & left us very weak & naked

I am Your Excellency's most

Obedt & most humle Servant

JOSIAH WILLARD

His Excellency Govr SHIRLEY

Copy Examd per J WILLARD Secry

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO JONATHAN LAW.

WHITEHALL. March 14th 1745/6.

Sir,

His Majesty having determined to omit Nothing, that might be necessary for the Security, and Defence, of Louisburg; And there having been great Reason to apprehend, That an Attempt might be made upon it, by the French, early in the Spring; The King was pleased to order Two Regiments to be sent thither from Gibralter; which, It is hoped, may be arrived there, before this Time. His Majesty has also ordered another Regiment to be sent from hence to Louisburg; Part of which are now going on board Two Sixty Gun Ships, that are ready to sail; And the Remainder will proceed to Louisburg, with the Convoy, that will go from hence in about a Fortnight.

Rear Admiral Warren having desired His Majesty's Leave to resign the Government of Louisburg, on Account of the ill State of his Health; His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Commodore Knowles to succeed Him: And I am commanded by His Majesty, to recommend it to You, in the strongest Manner, That, in case Mr Knowles should have Occasion to apply to You for Assistance, for the better Maintenance, and Support, of the Garrison at Louisburg; either by Raising any Number of Men, to reinforce That Garrison; or in any other Manner, that shall be thought proper; You should use Your utmost Endeavours to furnish Him with it.

And as Mr Warren will have the Command of a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships, in North America; And will have received His Majesty's Orders, to concert with Gov-

ernor Shirley, whether It may be practicable, to make an Attempt upon any other of the French Settlements in North America; His Maj^{ty} has commanded me to signify to You His Pleasure, That, in case It shall be judged advisable to undertake any Such Attempt; And, in order thereto, to raise a Body of Land Forces in North America; You should, in that Case, take the proper Measures for Raising Such a Body of Men, within the Colony, of which You are Governor, as may be practicable, to make Part of Such Force; And to act in Such Manner, as shall be agreed on.

I need say nothing to persuade You, to exert Your utmost Endeavours in the Performance of a Service, which may be of Such great Importance to the Security of His Majesty's Dominions in North America; The Safety, and Protection of which, His Majesty has so much at Heart.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
JOHN NEWCASTLE

Governor of Connecticut.

[Indorsed by Law] New Castle March 14th 1745–6

NATHANIEL STANLY TO JONATHAN LAW.

HARTFORD June 7th 1746

Honourable S^{r}

I have Just now rec^{d} a Letter, from Govr Shurley, directed to your Houn^{r} and not [ ]ing what Importance it might be; I thou[ ] it best to for[ ] it to your Hou^{nr} with all Speed Accordi[ ] have Sent my Son with it, the Secretary desi[ ] you [ ] to Send half a dozen more blanks, Such [ ] he not haveing quite enough, I sent my Son to [ ] wrightings your Houn^{r} Sent for, and he Sent [ ] them to your Houn^{r} yesterday, Our officers are going on [ ] their Enlisting and Say they meet with prittey good S[ ]

I am S^{r} your Hounr^{s} Most Obediant
Humble Serv^{tt}
NATH^{L} STANLY

To ye Honble JONATH LAW Esqr

JONATHAN LAW TO NATHANIEL STANLY.

MILFORD June 8th 1746 5 o Clock P M.

Sr

I [ ] Sent a Copy of Govr Shirley's Letter I wrote him by the last Post wch I Suppose Reacht him last night, Inform'd him that we agreed to Raise 600 And more if they Should offer themselves and that Some had offered themselves to Enlistmen, thôt 'twould animate our people if Co[ ]s for field Officers might be procured and that M[ ] Walcott & Coll1 Trumble were Coming to Concert with [ ]m

'Tis Perplex[ ] not Conflict (?) with the Orders of the [ ] Directs to an Embarcation at N. London for Louisbourg. I have order'd my Comtee to meet To Morrow I have Sent Six more Blanks.

If any do not Accept yr Comsns Should be glad of Early Advice of it, Enough Offer themselves

If my white Gloves are left with You Send them to me by Some Opportunity I have Recd Johns

J LAW

To Coll [ ] STANLY

[Indorsed] Copy of a Letter To Coll1 Stanly June 8th 1746

J. OSBORNE TO JONATHAN LAW.

BOSTON July. 21. 1746.

Sir

Admiral Warren desires the Committee of War, would forward a Copy of the inclosed to the Several Governments as mentioned therein, being for distinction to the Transports.

Accordingly We now Send One to your Honour & hope You'l give direction to your Vessells to Conform thereto,

I am Sir

Your most humE Servt

In the Name of the Comtee

J: OSBORNE

The Honble JONATHAN LAW Esq

[Indorsed] J Osborn July 21 1746

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TRADE AND PLANTATIONS AND SECRETARY AT WAR.

L S

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

May it Please Your Majesty

In Obedience to your Majesty's order in Council of the 15th of January last referring to us an Address of the Governour & Company of the Colony of Connecticut in New England in America praying to be reimburs'd the Expences they have been at, in Assisting to take the Island of Cape Breton & its Dependencies; and directing us to Examine into the Demand made by the said Colony & to Adjust & Liquidate the same We humbly take Leave to represent to your Majesty ——

That we have been Attended upon this Occasion by Mr Palmer employ'd by the Colony of Connecticut to Sollicit this Affair, who laid before Us an Accot of the Expences of the said Colony in the Expedition against Cape Breton and after the Reduction thereof Sign'd & Attested upon Oath to be a true Accot by John Whiting, Treasurer of the said Colony containing ten several Accots of Sundrys Provided for & Supply'd the Troops of the said Colony in the Expedition against Cape Breton Sign'd & Attested upon Oath by the Respective Commissaries and also an Accot, in which the whole of the above mention'd Accots is Comprized Entitled ——

An Account of Sundry Payments and Disbursements Advanc'd and made to and for the use of the Troops of the said Colony for Billeting ye Soldiers and to the Several Commissaries who Provided for said Troops, and for Run of the Transports in the Expedition against Cape Breton & for Garrisoning the City & Fortresses of Louisburg.

The Whole amounting to One Hundred and ten Thousand Two Hundred & fifty One Pounds Five Shillings Currt Money of that Province with an Estimate thereunto Annex'd (Sign'd by a Committee of the Genl Assembly) of the Charges arisen & arising for the Troops & Transports in the pay of the said Colony for Garrisoning the City &

Fortresses of Louisburg Computed till June 1st 1746 amounting to fifty four Thousand two Hundred & Seventy three Pounds Seven Shills & Six pence; But as Mr Palmer had no Vouchers of the several Particulars of the said Account, or any other Evidence then what Appears upon the Face thereof to lay before Us that might Enable Us to Adjust & Liquidate the same pursuant to the Directions of your Majesty's Order in Council We must humbly Submit the said Acct a Copy whereof is here unto Annex'd to yonr Majestys Pleasure which is most humbly Submitted

MONSON
B: LEVESON GOWER
H FOX
FRANCIS FANE
R PLUMER

WHITEHALL May 14: 1747

[Indorsed by Law] Report of ye Board May 14th 1747 recd March 21

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WHITEHALL
THE 27TH DAY OF MAY 1747
PRESENT

THE LORDS OF HIS MAJESTY'S MOST HONBLE PRIVY COUNCILL

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report made by the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations & his Majesty's Secretary at War dated the 14th of this Instant upon Examining into the Accot of the Expences of the Colony of Connecticut arisen from the Expedition to Cape Breton & for the Defence & Security of Louisburg after its Reduction to his Majesty's obedience, which Expences the said Colony pray'd to be reimburs'd: It is thereupon order'd in Council, that the said Report together with the accots thereto Annexed, Be, and they are herewith Transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, who are to call the Agent of the said Colony before them, and to Settle and Adjust the Demand made

by the said Colony and to prepare an Estimate of the Expence in order to be laid before the next Session of Parliament.

[Indorsed by Law] Order of the King and Council to ye Lds of Treasury May 27th 1747 recd March 21st

THOMAS WELLES' BILL.

Connecticutt Colony

An Accompt of Sundrys (by Order of ye Generall Assembly) Provided for, & Supplyed the Troops of Said Colony in the Intended Expedition against Canada

Pr Thomas Welles Commissary

June 1747						
9 Tents @ £14	126	0	0			
3 months wages & 1 Third of ye Sloop Dove @ £152	506	13	4			
3 months wages & 1 Third of a month ye Sloop Dolphin @ £320	1205	0	0			
3 months & 2 days wages of ye Sloop Caleb & Joshua @ £280	858	13	4	2696	6	8
Pilotage of ye Sloop Dolphin	9	4	0			
423½ of Iron Pots & Kettles @ 16d	28	4	8			
330 Gallo Rum @ 13/6	222	15	0			
20 axes & 20 Hatchets & helves to them	43	0	0			
112 Knapsacks & 196 Spoons & 2 drums	83	14	0			
3 Cabooses in Said Sloops & platforms	67	0	0	453	17	8
44 Water Hogsd & 5 Gong Casks	61	15	0			
16 bread Hogsd @ 16/ & 3 more Dito Water @ 25/	16	11	0			
56 beds @ 47/ & 225ll Soap @ 6d	137	4	6			
5 Cords of wood @ 30/ & Cuting of It Short	10	0	0			
4 water Buckets 2 hand pumps & Truckage	12	0	0	237	10	6
				£3387	14	10
Commissions @ 2½ pr Cent				84	13	8
				£3472	8	6

Errors Excepted

THOMAS WELLES Comissary

Connecticutt Colony sst November 17th A D: 1747

Then personally appeared Thomas Welles Esqr Subscriber to the beforegoing Accompt & made Oath that the

Severall articles therein Contained, are Justly Charged & were by him provided & Truely Delivered for ye use of ye Troops Raised in Said Colony for ye Intended Expedition against Canada

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

[Indorsed] Colo Welles's Acco 1746

JABEZ HAMLIN'S BILL.

Connecticutt Colony

An acct of Sundrys (by order of the Genll Assembly) provided for & Supply'd the Troops Raised in Sd Colony, for the Intended Expedition Against Canada

℘ Jabez Hamlin Commisary

1746 July						
To 3 hhds of Rum qrt 312 Galls @ 14/	218	8	0			
To 87 Beds Making Filling & Carting @ 47/6 Each	206	12	6			
To 166 Knapsacks Twine & Makg @ 6/3	51	17	6			
To 647 yds of Canvas for Tents @ 7/	226	9	0			
To twine & Making the Tents	39	9	0			
To Iron Work for the Tents	4	15	0	747	11	0
To Tent poles and hand pumps	29	16	10			
To line for the Tents & Knapsacks	19	6	0			
To 52 Water hhds & 25/	65	00	0			
To 20 Axes & 20 Hatchets wth handles	46	10				
To 8 Barrells of Soap	39	16	3			
To 19 Loads of Wood Cutt & Splitt	22	10	0			
To 1 dozn of Water Pails	2	8	0			
To 1084 wt of Lead at 2/6	135	10	0	360	17	1
To 792¾ of Iron Ware at 1/3	51	13	6			
To 186wt of Ditto @ 1/4	12	8	0			
To 1200 of Flints @ 7/6	4	10	0			
To Wooden Bowls platters &c	10	14	0			
To an Express Sent to Weathersfield	0	10	0			
To two Express's Sent to N. London	5	00	0			
To freight & Truckage of Chests &c	8	4	6			
To 30 wt of Candles	4	10	0	97	10	0
To Cash pd Abbot for freight of Goods from Hartford	8	18	0			
To Sundry Tin Measures	1	3	6			

To pd a Carpr For 3 Cabous's @ 4 10/8	13	12	0			
To the Mason for Bricks Lime & Building the Cabous's	21	12	0			
To Iron Work for the Cabous's	35	6	1			
To 3 Iron Forks & 3 Iron Ladles	3	6	0	84	7	7
To the hire of the Schooner Adventure a Transpt Burthen 92¼ Tons 3 Months & 17 Days @ 4 £ ℔ Ton ℔ Mo:	1316	2	0			
To the hire of the Sloop Lark a Transport Burthen 94 Tons 2 Months & 15 Days @ 4 £ ℔ T. ℔ Mo:	940	00	0	2256	02	0
To the hire of the Sloop Nabby a Transport Burthen 64 Tons 2 Months @ 4 £ ℔ Ton ℔ Mo:	512	00	0			
To 6 Draw Buckets at 6/	1	16	0			
To 4 Tonnels with Iron Nosels	2	4	0			
To 3500 of Boards for Platforms	27	3	0			
To Cash pd for Pilotage of ye transpts	14	00	0			
To Cash pd for Runing Bullets.	3	19	0	561	2	0
				£4107	9	8
To Cummishons @ 2½ ℔ Ct				102	13	8
				£4210	3	4

Errors Excepted

℔ JABEZ HAMLIN

Connecticut Colony sst November 17th A D 1747

Then personally Appeared Jabez Hamlin Esqr Subscriber to the Beforegoing Accompt & Made Oath That the Severall Articles Therein Contained are Justly Charged and were by him provided and Truly Delivered for ye Use of the Troops Raised in Said Colony for ye Intended Expedition Against Canada

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

[Indorsed] Colo Hamlin's Acco 1746

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

The Honble LONDON Novr 18, 1747
Jonathan Law Esqr
S^r

My last to your Honour was the 26 Augt a Copy of which has already been Transmitted, since which nothing Material has happen'd in the Colony's Affairs. We have some Difficulty with the Lords of the Treasury about setling the rate of Exchange at which the money due for Disbursements in the Expedition against Cape Breton shall be paid which when done we are in hopes that provision will be made this Sessions of Parliam^t for Discharging that Account, altho' I am apprehensive of some Delay for want of the Particulars of that part of it which came to me under the Title of an Estimate of the Charges arisen & arising for the Troops & Transports in the Colony for Garisoning the City & Fortresses of Louisburgh Computed till June 1, 1746 amounting to £54273 7 6 which Acco^tt I have long been Expecting, as the Necessity of having it must appear to yor Hon^r I am*

HEZEKIAH HUNTINGTON'S BILL.

Connecticutt Colony

An accompt of Sundrys (by order of the General Assembly) Provided for & Supply'd the Troops of said Colony in the Intended Expedition against Canada

℞^r Hezekiah Huntington Commissary

(viz) June 1746

3 hogsheads of Rum q^t 337½ Gallons @ 13/6	£227	13	3			
73 Beds for the men	150	13	2			
166 Spoons	12	9	0			
a Store house frame	18	0	0			
7 Chest for the arms	16	15	0			
6 Iron pots for 2 Cabooses w^t 271¼^ll	16	6	4			
8 Ditto for the Camp w^t 268^ll	15	12	8			
8 Doz: of mess Bowls @ 60/	24	0	0	£481	9	5

*Written on same sheet with his letter of April 10, 1748.

5m̄ 10d Nails for Store house	12	10	0			
34 water Hogsheads @ 25/	47	10	0			
18 Gang Casks	22	10	0			
8 Ship Buckets	3	4	0			
6 Cord of Wood Cutting & Splitting fitt for Caboose	6	4	0			
169 Knapsacks	64	2	6			
10 hand Pumps	5	0	0			
Paid Capt Daniel Smally for one months Wages as a pilot	14	0	0	175	0	6
Paid for Piloting Schooner delight from Norwich to New London and Back	5	0	0			
Irons for banding the Doctors Chests	4	3	0			
Paid Doctr Lothrop Suplying ye Chests with medisons	973	11	9			
Paid Ditto for Chirurgry on a Soldier Wounded before the Encampment	9	5	0			
Irons: Bricks: Planks: & making 2 Cabooses	18	16	3	1010	16	0
the Hire of Brigtn Elizabeth 79½ tons at 4£ a ton ℔r month 3½ month & 3 Days	1144	16	0			
hire of Schooner Delight 76 tons 3 mo 9 Days	1003	4	0			
3210 feet oak Boards for Platforms and Store house	23	5	6	2171	5	6
housing of Soldiers baggage and Transporting them to & from N. London	£20	0	0			
20 Wood axes & 20 hatchets	32	0	0			
Putting helves in them	2	0	0			
6 peaces of Cod line for the knapsacks	9	4	0			
a Standard for the Regiment	15	8	0	78	12	0
				£3917	3	5
Commissions @ 2½ ℔ Ct				97	18	7
				£4015	2	0

Erors Excepted

℔ Hez: Huntington

Connecticutt Colony

Ss Milford Novemr 19th 1747 Personaly appeared Hezekiah Huntington Esqr Subscriber to the foregoing acct and made oath that the Several articals therein Contained are Justly Charged and Ware by him Provided and

truly Delivered for the use of the Connecticutt Troops to be Imploy[d] in the Intended Expedition against Canada

Sworn before me

JON[TH] LAW Gov[r]

[Indorsed] Col[o] Huntington's Acc[t] 1746

GURDON SALTONSTALL'S BILL.

Connecticut Colony

An Accompt of Sundrys (by Order of the General Assembly) Provided for, & Supply'd the Troops of said Colony, in the Intended Expedition against Canada.

℔ Gurdon Saltonstall Commissary

1746 June						
88 Beds for 2 Men each, Straw & filing	£232	17	1			
167 Knapsacks	68	17	9			
20 Codlines 60 fath[m] for Knapsacks & Stret[g] Tents	31	14				
46 Iron potts for the Camp & Cabooses	85	5	4			
133 Gallons Oatmeal for the Sick	36	11	6			
housing of Soldiers Baggage & & transp[tn] to & from New London to their resp[te] quarters	31	14	6	487		2
Bricks, Joist, Plank & Nails for Cabooses	£41	12	10			
3 hogsheads BB[ds] Rum cont[g] 332 Gal[ns] at 14/	232	8				
Cans, Ladles, Pails, Nails, Padlocks, Gimblets, Steelyards, Shovels & Soap, for the Stewards	46	8	5	320	9	3
Mending sundrys Drums & Small Arms	£11	2	10			
800 Flints £5, bb Powder £100	105					
Cartridge paper, hand pumps, bucket-ropes, tarpawl[gs] for Arm Chests, Water hh[ds] & Lead	22	11	10			
Gallon, Quart, Pint, half pint & Jill Tin measures, Tunels, Candlesticks, Tap-boarers, Spoons & Trenchers for Several Stewards	29	10	6	168	5	2
22½ Candles, 2 Grinstones, 20 hatchets 20 narrow axes & hospital Frame	77	6	11			
Labourers Cutting Wood, filing Water for the Transports	35	19	0			
32 Cord of Wood for the Transports & Camp	50	1	6			

4009 feet pine Boards for hospital & Storehouse	48	2	2			
52 yds Toe Cloth for enlarging Tents	19	15	10			
pins for Stretchg Tents & boards for platforms	3	11	4			
350 Tent poles, & making with Kings & pins	67	2	6			
10 brass bullets Moulds various Sizes	17	10	0			
200ll Lead 50ll Powder & 600 Flints for Capt Huets Compy when ordered to be ready at an hours Warng to march for Boston, when an Invasion was feard	50	8	10	369	18	1
3 Months hire of Schooner major a £360 ℔ mt	1080					
3 Months Ditto Brigantine Dolphin a 372 ℔ mt	1116					
3 Months Ditto Sloop Secess a 340 ℔ mt	1020					
Wharfa & Water for the Transports	19	19	6			
Damage done a field of Corn & Fences on the neck of Land where the Regt Encampt	59	6	0			
Medicine & Attendce ℔ Docr Palmes (after the Regemt decampt) for divers Soldiers left Sick, & one having Lost a Leg	76	14		3371	19	6
Caboose Irons, Arm Chest, hinges, flesh forks handkeefs, Mattocks, Spades & boilg ye Camp pots	102	13	6			
Drawbuckets, Scowhire, water hogsheads bread Cask, Tunnels, Gang Cask for each Transport & Coopera of Sundrys	215	12	11			
Materials for 24 Sick men at John Roberts's (one having Lost a Leg) Attendce Victualg Watchers wood washing, damage to bedding &a	270	14	11			
Ditto for Sundry Soldiers sick at divers other houses, attendce Victualling &a	95	6	10			
Unlading Stores out of Transports, & housg them, & Lighter hire therefor	29	2		713	10	2
				£5431	2	4
Commissions @ 2½ ℔ Ct				135	15	6
				£5566	17	10

Errors Excepted

℔ G: Saltonstall Comisssy

Connecticutt Colony ss^{t} } MILFORD Novr 19th 1747 Personally Appeard Gurdon Saltonstall Esqr Subscriber to the aforegoing Accompt, & made Oath, that the Several Articles therein Containd are justly Charged, and were by him Provided & truely deliver'd for the use of the Connecticutt Troops to be Emply'd in the Expedition Intended against Canada

Sworn before me

JONTH LAW Govr

[Indorsed] Col^{o} Saltonstall's Acc^{o} Canada Expedition 1746 Sworn Novr 19. 1747

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

LONDON 10th Aprill 1748

Sir

The above* is a Coppy of my last Letter to your Honour to wch I have but just time to add (by way of Bristol) that the Parliament have at last Voted Twenty eight Thousand eight hund^{d} & odd pounds to the Colony of Connecticut to reimburse them their Expences in the Expedition against Cape Breton: But how soon & in what manner the money will be paid is not yet Determind; That Affair lyes wth the Lords of the Treasury whom I shall duely upon it & by the next Oppertunity write you more particularly about it in the meantime I remain

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} & the Colonys

Faithf^{ll} hum^{le} Servt

ELIAK^{M} PALMER

[Indorsed by Law] Agent Palmers April 10 1748 rec^{d} July 8

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

LONDON 11 Apr 1748

S^{r}

The Bearer being as I am informd to stay longer than was Expected gives me an Oppertunity of Acquainting

* Dated Nov. 18, 1747.

your Hon^{r} that I have had some Hints given me that it will be Necessary to produce Authenticated Acco^{ts} of the Colonys Disbursm^{ts} till the 1st June 1746 in Garizoning the City & Fortresses of Cape Breton of which there have only been Estimates Transmitted. I should also be glad to be Inform'd at what Periods the Bills Issued for Carrying on the Expedition are made payable & hope I shall have a Copy of the Act Authorizing such an Emission sent me by the first Oppertunity, being Apprehensive it will be Call'd for, & is all I have to add at present but that I am

Your Hon^{rs} & Colony's
most Faithfull hum^{e} Servt
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

London Apr 25 1748

S^{r}

Having already wrote your Honour by this Conveyance I have only to add thereto that there is just Arriv'd an Express from Lord Sandwich the British Minister at Aix La Chappel importing that Prelimanary Articles for a General Pacification have been sign'd by his Lordship & the Ministers Charg'd with the Affairs of France & Holland, in which it's said England & France are Responsible for the Kings of Sardinia & Spain, but no Mention is made of the Emperour, we have no Certain Acco^{t} made Publick of the Terms of this Peace, but nobody doubts the Restitution of Cape Breton, when I can learn any thing further that can be depended upon it shall be Communicated to your Honour by S^{r}

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} & ye Colonies
most Faithfull Servt
ELIAK^{M} PALMER

To the Honble Jonathan Law Esq
[Indorsed] Agent Palmers April 25 1748 rec^{d} July 8th

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO JONATHAN LAW.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL 7th May 1748.

Sir

The King's Plenipotentiary & those of His most Christian Majesty & the States General of the United Provinces having signed at Aix la Chapelle on the 19th of April last O S. Preliminary Articles for restoring a General Peace, and in consequence whereof His Majesty has been pleased to order a Proclamation to be published declaring a Cessation of Arms, as well by Sea as Land, which I send You herewith inclosed; I am commanded by His Majesty to signify to you His Pleasure, that you cause the same to be published in all the proper Places under Your Government to the end that all His Majesty's Subjects there may pay due Obedience to, & astrict Observance of the same

I am, Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
BEDFORD

Govr of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] Duke of Bedfords Letter of ye 7th of May 1748 recd July 29th

Russel Duke of Bedford

ELIAKIM PALMER TO JONATHAN LAW.

Copy

LONDON 24 May 1748

Sr

Since my last to your Honour which was the 25th of last Month I have been favourd with yours of the 20 Novr & 27 Jany, Accompang an Accot of the Colony's Disbursements for Arms Cloathing &c, Supply'd the Regiment rais'd for the Intended Expedition against Canada, which Account being just come to hand I have not yet been able to make Application for a Reimbursement thereof but shall do it as soon as I have prepar'd an Account of the pay &

Subsistance due to the Officers & Soldiers of that Regiment from the Muster Rolls which have been Transmitted to me under the Seal of the Colony. I have also Rec^d Copy's of the Letters that have Pass'd between your Honour & Govern^r Shirley in relation to the pay of these Troops, & Observe his Backwardness in Passing the Accounts agreable to Instructions sent him & Mr Knowles for that Purpose, but still hope as they are so well Authenticated I shall be able to get over the Difficulty which that Circumstance may Occasion, in order to which no Endeavours of mine shall be Wanting in the mean time I remain

Yo^r Honours & the Colonys
most faithf^l Servt
ELIAK^M PALMER

P S

the Emperour has Acceeded to the Preliminaries for a peace mention'd in my last to have been sign'd at Aix La Chappelle by the Ministers for Great Britain France & the States General & we hear the King of Sardinia has Declared in favour of them, but we are still at an Uncertainty in regard to Spain

To the Honble Jonathan Law Esq

[Indorsed] Eliakim Palmers letter May 24 Rec^d Agust 26 1748

RICHARD ALDWORTH TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Whitehall 27th August 1748.

Gentlemen

The Lords Justices having, in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, caused a Proclamation to be issued for taking off the Prohibition of Commerce between His Majesty's Subjects and those of His Catholick Majesty. I am commanded by their Excellencies to Send you a Copy of the said Proclamation, and to Signify their Directions to you that you cause the same to be published in all the

proper Places under your Government
I am Gentleman
Your most obedient
humble Servant
RI: NW: ALDWORTH*

Govr & Co of Connecticut
[Indorsed by Law] Aldworths Aug^st 27 174[ ]

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Duplicate

WHITEHALL 6 February 1748/9

Gentlemen,

A Definitive Treaty of Peace & Friendship having been concluded at Aix la Chapelle the 7th Day of October last by the Plenipotentiaries of His Majesty, the most Christian King, & the States General of the United Provinces, to which the Empress Queen of Hungary, the Kings of Spain & Sardinia, the Duke of Modena, & the Republick of Genoa have acceded, & the Ratifications thereof having been since exchanged, His Mat^y has been pleased to command me to transmit to you, the Proclamation which he has thought fit to issue on that Occasion, & to Signify his Pleasure to you that you cause the same to be published in all the proper Places, in your Province, to the End that all His Subjects do take Notice of His Royal Will and Pleasure therein and conform themselves thereto accordingly

I am Gentlemen,
Your most humble Servant
BEDFORD

Govr & Comp^y of Connecticut.
[Indorsed] Duplicate D Bedfords order for Proclamation of peace feb 174$^{8}_{9}$

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*No explanation can be given for the insertion of a middle name here, unless it be the fact that he was a resident of Newmarket.

DUKE OF BEDFORD TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

WHITEHALL 19th July 1749.

Gentlemen,

Upon the 30th of May last, the House of Commons presented an humble Address to the King, desiring, "that His majesty would be graciously pleased to give Directions, that there be laid before that House, in the next Session of Parliament, an Account of the Tenor & Amount of all the Bills of Credit which have been created & issued in the several British Colonies & plantations in America, as well those under Proprietors of Charters, as under His Majesty's immediate Commission & Government, that shall be then outstanding, distinguishing the Amount of the same, in each Colony, or Plantation, & the respective times when such Bills so outstanding were issued, with the Amount of the said Bills in Money of Great Britain, both at the times when such Bills were issued, & at the time of preparing the said Account, & also the Times fixed for the calliug in, sinking & discharging such Bills, and the Funds appropriated for that purpose;" And I am now in Consequence thereof, commanded by His Majesty to signify His pleasure to you, that you should order all such Accounts, so far as they relate to your Government, to be prepared & transmitted forthwith to me, that I may lay the same before His Majesty, & receive His farther pleasure thereupon, with regard to their being laid before the Parliament.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

BEDFORD

Govr & Company of Connecticut.

[Indorsed] Duke of Bedfords July 19th 1749 recd Septembr 22d

Relating to public Bills of Credit

THOMAS PALMER TO COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

Colony of Connecticut, ss.

To the Honourable Jonathan Law Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief in and over said Colony, the Hon^oble the Assistants and Representatives in General Court Assembled 1750.

The Memorial of Thomas Palmer of Boston in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esqr One of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of Eliakim Palmer late of London Esqr deceased.

Humbly Sheweth,

That the Said Eliakim had the Honour for several years before his death to Act as Agent for this Colony at the Court of Great Britain, and with great Zeal & Fidelity discharged this important Trust that your Honours were pleas'd to repose in him, having (as your Memorialist apprehends,) always steadily pursued such Measures as he Judged would be most for the Interest of this Colony, and it was a great Satisfaction to him that his Conduct and Services had your Honours Approbation.

That the said Eliakim for sometime before his death was almost constantly Employed in Applying to the Parliament of Great Britain for a Grant to be made the Colony for reimbursing them the Expences they were at in the Reduction of the Island of Cape Breton to the Obedience of His Majesty, and as this was an Affair of great Consequence to the Colony, he was indefatigable in the Prosecution of it, and so closely Engaged himself herein both before and after the Grant was made, that it was generally thought by his Friends, in London (as appears by Letters) that it brought on him the Illness of which he dyed, to the inexpressible Loss of his Family & Friends.

That for this extraordinary Service your Memorialist humbly Apprehends, his Testator never received from the Colony any Consideration or Allowance, thô indeed there has been no Application as yet made to your Honours therefor.

Your Memorialist would therefore now humbly pray that your Honours will be pleased to take the premisses into Consideration, and make such an Allowance to your Memorialist in his Capacity aforesaid, for the extraordinary Pains, Care & Trouble his Testator was at in managing and transacting the Buisness aforesaid as to your known Justice and Equity shall seem reasonable.

And your Memorialist as in Duty bound, shall pray &c.

THOMAS PALMER

[Indorsed] Memorial of Thos Palmer Esqr 1750

BENJAMIN AVERY TO JONATHAN LAW.

Honoured Sr

I hope the Letters I wrote your Honour in Febry & March last have, before this Time, reach'd your Hands: in which, among other Things, I returnd you, Sir, & ye Colony my sincere Thanks for ye Favour you & they had done me, in appointing me your Agent in the Room of my worthy decd Friend Elm Palmer Esqr: & acquainted you how absolutely inconsistent I found it wth my other Engagements to accept of this important Trust; desiring you, Sr, & the Assembly would be pleas'd to appoint some more proper Person to this Office; & this I hope was done in May last; when, as Collo Williams informs me, your Assembly uses to meet.

I therein farther sent you word that I had presented a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, requesting, that they would pay me the 28,863ll: 19s: 1d, due to the Colony, on the Account of the Louisburg Expedition; for the receiving of which you had sent me Sufficient & full Powers. And now I am to acquaint you, that, after some Months Delay, I have received that Sum at the Exchequer; & have paid it into the Bank of England: where it will lie to answer any Bills which your Honour has drawn, or may draw, on me, pursuant to the orders of the Assembly of which you favored me with Copies.

Out of the 28,863^{ll}: 19^{s}: 1^{d}, I have paid for Fees at the Treasury & Exchequer, of which I keep, & Shall send you, a particular Account 144^{ll}: 4^{s}: 1^{d}, & since I reced it, I have paid Mr Thomas Lane 400^{ll}; & took up the Bill which your Honour had advised me that you had drawn on me, in favor of Lieuten^{t} Coll^{o} Talcott; & which Mr Talcot himself told me he had left with Mr Lane, when he took his leave of me, on his Return to Connecticut. So that the Sum remaining in my hands is 28,322^{ll}: 15^{sh}: of which I send you this Notice, that your Honour may draw on me for it as soon as it suits your Convenience.

When Mr West, the Secretary to the Chancell^{r} of the Excheq^{r}, gave me the Warrant for ye Money, he desir'd me to acquaint my Constituents, that he had had a pretty deal of Trouble in expediting this Affair; & that the Province of ye Massachusetts had order'd him a Small Present as an Acknowledgment of his Civility. But what that was, & why given, the Gentlemen concern'd in managing the Massachusetts affairs will be better able to tell you than I am.

I hope Orders & Powers have been, or soon will be, sent to Mr Storke, Mr Partridge or some other proper Person, to Sollicit & receive what is due to the Colony, on Account of the design'd Expedition against Canada: for the Sollicitations & attendancy, that are quite necessary on occasions of this Nature, take up so much Time, that were I to undertake this Business, I must neglect other Matters, in which I have been preingag'd & to which I have been in a Manner train'd up, & for many years accustom'd. I think both the Colony & the Regiment have been very hardly used: I did what I could to procure both for the One & the Other more proper & Suitable Acknowledgments for their respective Services; & it would have given me great Pleasure had my Attempts been attended with more desirable Success.

Will you be so good, Sir, as to make my Compliments to the Assembly; & assure both your Self & them of my best Wishes & Endeavors for the Service of Connecticutt.

I am, with great Respect,
Your Honours most obliged
& Obedient humble Servt
BENJ. AVERY.

Guy's Hospital 6 June 1750.
[Indorsed] Doctr Averys Letter 6 Augt 1750.

ELIAKIM PALMER'S EXECUTORS' BILL.

The Governor & Colony of Connecticut Accot with the Exrs of Eliakm Palmer Deceased.

Dr

1745				
July 31st	To Cash paid Mr Sharp ½ of his Bill in Clarke's Appeal against Towsey ℔ Accot Sent	52	17	6
	To sundry Expences on Do at Different Offices	11	6	9
1746				
Febry 24	To Cash paid Fees & Extra Expences Soliciting an Order for Council for Examining the Accot of Disbursmts in the Expedition agst Cape Breton	43	3	
1747				
July 30th	To Ditto paid Mr Sharp fees for said Order	8	15	
	To ditto pd Mr Webb for Soliciting Reimbursments of Expences in the Expedition agst Cape Breton	21		
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June 27	To Do paid fees at the Plantation Office for Representation to the King upon the Colonys Adress for their Reimbursments of Expences in said Expedition which was Referrd to the Lords of Trade	5	5	
1749				
Apr 21	To Ditto paid Mr Sharpe on accot of his Bill of Charges for Regulating the paper Currency in the Colony	26	5	0
	To Ditto for Ballance of said Bill	114	7	
	To Expences of Attending the Parliamt House upon Ministrs of State at the Council & Treasury & other Offices by Mr Palmer late Agent	52	10	
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The troublous times of the Colony are clearly shown, the sturdy character of the governor well brought out, and personal touches now and then enliven the official correspondence.

These papers, with the two volumes of Governor Joseph Talcott papers which have preceded them, form an unbroken series of official correspondence covering a quarter century up to 1750; a series which has not been and perhaps cannot be duplicated by any other of the American colonies for the same period. They show that it is not, although it has sometimes been so considered, a barren period of colonial history; but one that is full of interest, activity and important happenings.

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